

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE QUORUM. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS SPECIAL MEETING FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2022, TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ON TREATY 1 AND DAKOTA NATIONS TERRITORY AND THE HOMELAND OF THE METIS NATION. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU'RE ABLE, AND WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU. PLEASE JOIN ME IN DIRECTING YOUR THOUGHTS TO THE HIGHER POWER OR SYSTEM OF BELIEF THAT YOU HOLD. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE SICK IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME, FOR THE DILIGENT FAMILY PRACTITIONERS AND EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS. WE THANK YOU. FOR CAREFUL NURSING STAFF, WE THANK YOU. FOR CHEERFUL HOUSEKEEPING WORKERS, WE THANK YOU. FOR ATTENTIVE CARE AIDES, WE THANK YOU. FOR SKILLED HEALTH CARE TECHNICIANS, WE THANK YOU. FOR THE ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPPORT STAFF, WE THANK YOU. WE KNOW THAT IN HOSPITALS AND CARE HOMES, EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, THE WORK OF HEALING IS DANGEROUS AND CHALLENGING, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THOSE WILLING TO SERVE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SACRIFICE AND CONTINUAL PRESSURE THAT A LOT OF -- THAT IS THE LOT OF THOSE WHO CARE, AND THE WORK THEY DO FOR US AND THE COMMUNITIES TO WHICH WE BELONG. MAY OUR LOVE SURROUND THEM AND CARRY THEM THROUGH THE MOST CHALLENGING TIMES. [SPEAKING FRENCH LANGUAGE]

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: SO THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, ARE MY THOUGHTS FOR TODAY'S COUNCIL MEETING. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ALLARD. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA, HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS CHAMBERS, EADIE, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, KLEIN, AND COUNCILLORS NASON, SCHREYER, ORLIKOW, MAYES, ALLARD, SANTOS, LUKES, AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. CLERK, PLEASE READ THE NOTICE FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL

MEETING INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK: PURSUANT TO SECTION 79, SUBSECTION 1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER, A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022, AT 9:30 A.M., TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MATTER: ITEM 1, PROTEST AT THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE. PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER, NO OTHER SUBJECT MATTER OTHER THAN THAT OUTLINED IN THIS NOTICE SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN THE MEET. SIGNED, MARC LEMOINE, CITY CLERK.
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MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE'LL HEAR ONE SUBMISSION FROM DAVID GRANT. HE IS APPEARING IN OPPOSITION. DO WE HAVE MR. GRANT ON THE LINE?

CLERK: I BELIEVE SO. MR. GRANT, IF ARE AT THE MEETING, IF YOU COULD START YOUR VIDEO AND UNMUTE YOUR MICROPHONE, PLEASE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: WELCOME, DAVID GRANT. IF YOU COULD UNMUTE.

>> THERE WE GO. IS THAT BETTER? PUSH THE BUTTON. EXIT FULL SCREEN. SORRY ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU FOR MUCH OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. I WILL BEGIN. MEDIAS SAY THAT THE CURRENT PROTEST IS BLOCKING CITY STREETS. MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE'S ONE ROAD THAT'S CLOSED. SOUTH END OF MEMORIAL, WHICH IS PROVINCIAL AND NOT A CITY STREET, IS INDEED NOT OPEN TO TRAFFIC, PLEASE RECALL THAT PART OF THIS ROAD IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC REGULARLY WHEN SPECIAL EVENTS ARE HELD IN THE AREA. I HAVE ENJOYED MANY SUCH EVENTS OVER THE YEARS, ALONGSIDE POLITICIANS AT ALL THREE LEVELS, USUALLY IN THE SUMMER. I KNOW OF NO STREET THAT IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BY THE CURRENT PROTEST. I'VE DRIVEN THROUGH THE AREA. I SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY PROTESTING HAS BEEN DONE MORE THAN A FEW STEPS FROM THE MEMORIAL. IF IT HAD, THE PRETTY WHITE SNOW WOULD HAVE BEEN TRAMPLED. MEDIA REPORTS THAT HIS WORSHIP WANTS THE PROTEST CLEARED OUT BECAUSE THERE ARE BURN BARRELS NEARBY. WHENEVER WE SEE A WINTER PICKET LINE ON T.V., WE SEE BURN BARRELS. IS USING SUCH TOOLS TO WARM ONESELF IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG LAWFUL OR NOT? MOVING ON, DISRUPTION. REMEMBER, THAT ALL LOCAL PROTESTS WHICH DISRUPT NO ONE ARE ALSO WIDELY IGNORED. ARE ANY OF YOU AWARE OF HOW OFTEN RESIDENTS FEELING OUTRAGE STAND ON PUBLIC STEPS WITH SIGNS CALLING FOR JUSTICE? PROBABLY NOT BECAUSE NO ONE NOTICES. MY STUDIES IN ENGINEERING AND MICROBIOLOGY WERE IN THE 1960s, AN ERA OF LOUD PROTESTS. MY FRIENDS AND I STAYED AWAY FROM THOSE PROTESTS, PREFERRING TO TEND TO OUR STUDIES, BUT WE KNEW THEY WERE THERE. SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DISRUPTIVE PROTESTS HERE. SOME WERE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MIDDLE EAST POLITICS, SOME RAISED OUTRAGE OF INDIGENOUS AND METIS ISSUES. THERE WERE PROTESTS IN 20 AND 21 BY FOLKS WHO THOUGHT THEIR RIGHTS WERE TAKEN AWAY. BECAUSE THOSE PROTESTS WERE NOT ON CITY STREETS, MOST OF US DID NOT EVEN KNOW THAT THE PROTESTS HAPPENED. THE TIPIS ON MODERN BROADWAY WAS A PEACEFUL PROTESTS ON PROVINCIAL LAND BY DEEPLY COMMITTED MANITOBANS. THE CURRENT PROTEST IS JUST THAT. PLEASE REMEMBER HOW CITY OFFICIALS REACTED TO PROTESTS IN 2020 SUPPORTING THE B.L.M.

CAUSE IN THE U.S. SOME PEOPLE SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTESTS. W.B.S. WATCHED. THIS IS THE MODERN REACTION TO DISRUPTIVE PROTESTS. THIS IS HOW W.P.S. HAS BEEN REACTING TO THE TUCKER PROTESTS. I BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT PROTEST ON BROADWAY FITS A PEACEFUL CATEGORY. CITIZENS HAVE HOURS OF VIDEO OF GENERALLY LAW ABIDING BEHAVIOUR AS THEY NO DOUBT GATHERED DURING ALL RESPECTIVE PROTESTS. MAY I SUGGEST THAT REFERENCE BE MADE TO THAT FOOTAGE. AGAIN, WITH RESPECT, THE W.P.S. ARE EXPERTS IN COLLECTING EVIDENCE AND ACTING ON IT. PLEASE HAVE FAITH ON IT. PLEASE DO NOT KICK THE TAR BABY, A LA BRER FOX, IF YOU REMEMBER THE FABLE. WINNIPEG HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THAT IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, A DISRUPTIVE CASE TURNING TO VIOLENCE IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE TO PROVE ITS POINT. I PERSONALLY SEE OUR PRECEDENT AS PROBLEMATIC, BUT IT HAS BEEN PUT ON RECORD. I SUGGEST THAT COUNCIL MAKE A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE WAY THAT THE W.P.S. HAS WATCHED OVER PROTESTS LIKE THE CURRENT ONE, AND THE ONE IN JUNE 2020. W.P.S. HAS A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATOR TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN KEEPING THE HANDFUL OF COUNTER PROTESTERS ON THEIR OWN PART OF THE AVENUE. W.P.S. KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE DOING. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM, AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS TIME. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

>> MADAM SPEAKER? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER, GO AHEAD.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THOSE ARE ALL VERY IMPORTANT WORDS, AND I MYSELF, MR. GRANT, HAVE PROBABLY SEEN SOME OF THE SAME PROTESTS OVER THE DECADES, AND I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW MANY PROTESTS AND MARCHES I HAVE BEEN TO OVER THE DECADES, AND I CAN NOW SAY GENERATIONS, OVER 50 YEARS. IN ANY CASE, I CANNOT RECALL ANY ONE OF THESE PROTESTS AND MARCHES, THAT IN ALL CASES THAT I CAN RECALL WAS LED BY THE POLICE THAT HAVE LASTED AS LONG AS THIS. I DO RECALL THEM LASTING HOURS IN TERMS OF BLOCKING TRAFFIC. DO YOU RECALL ANY ONE OF THEM LASTING AS LONG AS THIS ONE IN TERMS OF BLOCKING TRAFFIC? >> I WOULD SAY NO. I'D AGREE WITH YOU, MR. SCHREYER. THAT'S WHY I MADE REFERENCE TO THE LAWN OF THE LEGISLATURE, WHERE THAT ONE'S GONE ON FOR MONTHS, BUT IT HAS BEEN MUCH LESS DISRUPTIVE, SO THIS ONE, I AGREE THAT THE CURRENT PROTEST IS UNIQUE THAT WAY IN -- BUT THE TIME IT'S GONE ON; THAT EVEN THE ONE IN JUNE 2020 WAS JUST A DAY -- A PORTION OF A SINGLE DAY.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR NASON, YOUR QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THROUGH YOU, QUESTION FOR MR.

GRANT. THROUGH YOUR PRESENTATION, YOU INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO PUBLIC STREET BEING BLOCKED. WOULD YOU CONSIDER YORK AVENUE NOT A PUBLIC STREET?

>> I'M NOT AWARE THAT IT'S BLOCKED. I GUESS I HADN'T DONE A PROPER RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA. I KNOW THAT TRAFFIC CONTINUES ON BROADWAY BOTH WAYS, BUT I'M NOT AWARE OF YORK. I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GO DOWN THERE. I'VE GONE DOWN THERE ON A BUS. ANY WAY, IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT IT IS BLOCKED, COMPLETELY BLOCKED TO TRAFFIC? COUNCILLOR NASON -- OR SPEAKER? I'M SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THE SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: DAVID, THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW MOVE ONTO THE ITEM. MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR TO INTRODUCE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES, THOSE THAT ARE HERE IN PERSON AND THOSE THAT ARE JOINING US VIRTUALLY AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE WATCHING OUR PROCEEDINGS TODAY. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED FOR TODAY REGARDING THE ON GOING PROTEST ON PUBLIC STREETS IN THE AREA OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE. IT'S RARE FOR ME TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL. WINNIPEGGERS HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN RECENT DAYS AND HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ON GOING PROTEST ON PUBLIC STREETS IN THE AREA OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONCERN FROM WINNIPEGGERS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT LIVE AND WORK IN THE IMMEDIATELY AREAS OF THE PUBLIC PROTEST ON OUR STREETS, I CALLED THIS SPECIAL MEETING SO THAT COUNCIL'S VOICE COULD BE HEARD. I WANT TO BEGIN BY STATING THAT WE'RE NOT HERE TO DEBATE THE LEGALITY OF HOLDING A PROTEST. I BELIEVE THAT'S A FACT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND WINNIPEGGERS IN GENERAL CAN AGREE UPON. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY ARE VALUES THAT WE HOLD VERY DEAR. WINNIPEGGERS HAVE SEEN DISRUPTIONS OF PROTESTS IN THE PAST, BUT WHAT IS UNIQUE IS THE MULTIDAY OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC STREETS AND THE NOISE THAT HAS COME WITH IT. IT MUST BE CLEARLY STATES THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE PREVENTED BY PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION FROM DIRECTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE. AND WITH RESPECT TO MANAGING PROTESTS, AS IS TYPICALLY THE CASE, THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE IS THE LEAD AGENCY WITH THE POWER TO ENFORCE LAWS IN OUR COMMUNITY. TODAY IS, AS I'VE MENTIONED, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WASN'T TO AND ISN'T TO DEBATE THE LEGALITY OF HOLDING A PROTEST. IT'S ALSO NOT TO -- MY PRIMARY REASON FOR CALLING THIS WASN'T PRIMARILY TO DEBATE THE MANNER IN WHICH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, CONDUCTS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THEIR VIEWS. I THINK WINNIPEGGERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR POLICE BOARD SHARE AND OUR

PROTECTION CHAIR, AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POLICE BOARD AND, OF COURSE, RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POLICE SERVICE, AND I THINK WINNIPEGGERS SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, HAVING ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES TO LEAD AND TO MANAGE THE SITUATION, CAN AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO APPROPRIATELY. WE'RE HERE TODAY IN PART BECAUSE WINNIPEGGERS HAVE COMMUNICATED LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THEY EXPECT COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, NOTABLY THOSE RELATED TO TRAFFIC AND NOISE, AND IT IS IN THIS PUBLIC FORUM THAT WE AS A COUNCIL CAN ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE EXPECTATIONS FROM OUR RESIDENTS. I WANT WINNIPEGGERS TO KNOW, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT AN UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF OUR PUBLIC STREETS AND THE NOISE THAT IS ACCOMPANYING IT, I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM YOU, WE HEAR YOUR CONCERNS, AND WE SHARE THEM. I'VE COMMUNICATED THOSE CONCERNS TO VARIOUS LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK OUR POLICE BOARD CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK OUR PROTECTION CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK OUR POLICE, OUR C.A.O., AND MINISTER GOERTZEN FOR THE DIALOGUE THAT WE'VE IN RECENT DAYS. TODAY REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THE VIEWING PUBLIC TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND ASK QUESTIONS OF OUR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHO I'LL ASK TO COME UP IN A FEW MOMENTS TO PROVIDE US WITH AN UPDATE AND TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. TODAY, WE'LL CONSIDER ASKING OUR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE TO CONSIDER DOING ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO HELP END THE UNLAWFUL ON GOING OCCUPATION ON OUR CITY STREETS. GIVEN THAT THIS IS A TOPIC THAT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST BY THE RESIDENTS WE SERVE, I BELIEVE THAT, TODAY, COUNCIL SHOULD COMMUNICATE THIS ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE. AND I WANT TO THANK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR THOUGHTFUL DELIBERATION AND ON GOING EFFORTS. I KNOW MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN INTERACTING WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS. I WANT TO THANK EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR DOING SO, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER. WITH THE INTRODUCTION, I WOULD -- I WOULD ASK -- I SEE OUR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IS HERE. PERHAPS AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY MARKS, WE CAN HEAR FROM OUR C.A.O., WITH THAT, MERCI AND MIIGWECH. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: WE NEED TO HAVE A WAVING OF THE RULES TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE C.A.O.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I HAVE A MOTION -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THE MAYOR IS ASKING FOR A SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: HE CAN'T ASK FOR A SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AFTER HE SPOKE. IT'S THE SAME THING IF I SPOKE AND THEN CALLED FOR THE VOTE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I SEE THE CLERK NODDING, SO I'M GOING TO ALLOW IT. THERE WAS A MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE?

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS CHAMBERS, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, KLEIN, ROLLINS, COUNCILLORS NASON -- SORRY, COUNCILLOR NASON. NOT COUNCILLOR NASON. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, COUNCILLOR MAYES, COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR SANTOS, COUNCILLOR LUKES, AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS EADIE, NASON, SCHREYER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I'M SORRY. I WAS IN SUPPORT. IF YOU CAN NOTE ME THERE.

CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER'S IN SUPPORT.

CLERK: THE VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER, YEAS 13, NAYS 3. THE SUSPENSION PASSES. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I'LL CALL OUR CAO FORWARD. WELCOME, MR. JACK. WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER WE DO.

>> THANK YOU, MR. JACK. I HAVE ONE QUESTION THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A COUPLE MORE. ARE YOU PRIVY TO POLICE DISCUSSIONS?

>> AM I PRIVY TO THOSE DISCUSSIONS? TO COUNCILLOR KLEIN THROUGH MADAM SPEAKER, I SPEAK FREQUENTLY WITH POLICE SERVICE EXECUTIVE. WE SPEAK ABOUT A RANGE OF MATTER, WHETHER IT'S ABOUT THE PUBLIC TRYING TO RAISE ISSUES FOR ATTENTION OR TO GET A SENSE OF AWARENESS OF HOW AN EVENT LIKE THIS IS TAKING PLACE. OBVIOUSLY, OPERATIONS ARE DISCUSSED. I ALWAYS FREELY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE NO ROLL IN DIRECTING THOSE OPERATIONS, BUT CHIEF SMYTH AND HIS EXECUTIVE ARE, I WOULD SAY, VERY GOOD AT LEAST KEEPING US ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATELY MANAGE THE REMAINDER OF PUBLIC SERVICES. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR KLEIN

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THROUGH TO THE CAO, WHAT I UNDERSTAND, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THAT C.A.O. HAS MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH THE POLICE CHIEF. ARE THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND THOSE BRIEFINGS -- DO YOU SHARE THOSE WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND E.P.C.?

>> I -- I WILL ROUTINELY, THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, WE WILL ROUTINELY BRIEF AS REQUESTED OR AS NECESSARY BRIEF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TYPICALLY AT A HIGH LEVEL ON MATTERS AS THEY'RE DEVELOPING. YOU KNOW, I DON'T PROVIDE ANYBODY WITH MINUTES OR NOTES OF THOSE MEETINGS, BUT CERTAINLY, IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT I THINK THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND/OR E.P.C. AND/OR COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO KNOW TO DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES, I THINK IT WOULD BE MY

RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THAT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RESPECTED OFFICIAL. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THIRD QUESTION, COUNCILLOR KLEIN?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THROUGH YOU TO OUR C.A.O., WE KNOW THAT -- AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU SHARED SOME OF THIS INFORMATION WITH THE MAYOR, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD A RESPONSE TO THE ACTUAL QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I'M HOPING WE CAN GET THAT. ARE YOU -- IS THE C.A.O. TELLING THIS COUNCIL THAT THEY DO -- HE DOES HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON OPERATIONALLY THAT HE'S WELL AWARE OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN THE OPERATION WITH THE POLICE SERVICE BECAUSE THAT SPEAKS TO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY? IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT AWARE, SO, MADAM SPEAKER, I WOULD JUST ASK FOR THAT QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED, THAT DOES THE C.A.O., MADAM SPEAKER, HAVE OPERATIONAL STRATEGY SESSIONS OR INVOLVED IN THOSE SESSIONS WITH THE POLICE EXECUTIVE, WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTING TO NOTE? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. JACK?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER; -- MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN IT COMES TO OPERATIONAL STRATEGY SESSIONS, I WOULD SAY NO. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE POLICE AS THE LEAD AGENCY ON THIS PROTEST, I WOULD DESCRIBE IT AS A ONE-WAY FLOW OF INFORMATION. THE POLICE CHIEF KEEPS ME ABREAST OF THINGS THAT I SHOULD KNOW AS THE C.A.O. I CAN'T THINK OF TIMES WHERE I DID TRY TO DIRECT ANY STRATEGIC CHOICE ON THE PART OF POLICE. >> MADAM SPEAKER, ON A POINT OF ORDER, I SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM THE CLERK THIS MORNING. AS I AM WORKING REMOTELY, MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S AN EIGHT-MINUTE QUESTION PERIOD, NOT A LIMIT OF THREE QUESTIONS? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: YEAH. THE RULES WERE SUSPENDED, COUNCILLOR NASON. I BELIEVE WE DID HAVE 15 MINUTES ON THE CLOCK, AND THAT IS IN ORDER. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. MR. MAYOR?

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. MY QUESTION WILL REALLY JUST BE REQUESTING THAT OUR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PROVIDE US WITH AS WHOLESOME AN UPDATE ON THIS MATTER THAT HE CAN. I WOULD JUST INDICATE IF HE DOES NEED ADDITIONAL TIME, I WOULD CALL FOR ADDITIONAL TIME SO THAT WE CAN HEAR AND THE VIEWING PUBLIC CAN GET AS MUCH INFORMATION FROM YOU AS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. MR. MAYOR, A SPECIFIC QUESTION?

MAYOR BOWMAN: THE QUESTION WAS IF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER COULD PROVIDE AS FULLSOME A PRESENTATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION AROUND THE STREETS OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE? >> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I WILL ENDEAVOR TO DO SO SUCCINCTLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROTEST. LARGE GATHERINGS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMMON, SO WE ARE FREQUENTLY, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, APPRISED OF LARGE EVENTS THAT ARE

GOING TO BE OCCURRING IN WINNIPEG, AND THIS WAS NO EXCEPTION. I THINK EVEN SOME OF YOU, YOU KNOW, ON COUNCIL ARE AWARE I WILL OCCASIONALLY BRING EVENTS TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT ARE PLANNED ON THE CITY HALL PROPERTY. SO WE WERE AWARE IN ADVANCE OF THE MAINLY SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION OF THE EVENT. IMMEDIATELY, OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE, WHICH HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING THE POLICE, BEGAN CONVENING MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS JUST TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD A FULL UNDERSTANDING, FULL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE OCCURRING. OUR -- APART FROM -- I KNOW THE ISSUE OF POLICING IS ONE OF GREAT INTEREST THIS MORNING, BUT THERE'S A GREAT AMOUNT OF SUBJECT MATTER BEYOND POLICING THAT OUR E.O.C. WAS TASKED WITH TRYING TO PREPARE FOR TO ENSURE THAT ANY OF OUR CRUCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN AND AROUND THE SUBJECT SITE, THAT THERE WERE NO ISSUES THAT WE NEEDED TO BE PREPARED FOR TO ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE AS NEEDED FREELY WITHOUT IMPEDIMENT, AND SO OUR MANAGER OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JAY SHAW, LED THAT EFFORT, WITH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH THOSE ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION JUST TO ENSURE WE WERE PREPARED. IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTAL IMPACTS, WE HAVE HAD TRANSIT REROUTES ON A NUMBER OF ROUTES. THAT STRETCH OF MEMORIAL IS FREQUENTLY USED FOR SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO TEN ROUTES. THOSE HAVE BEEN REROUTED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EVENT, BUT BEYOND THAT, TRANSIT IS USED TO CONTINGENCY PLANNING, SO THEY HAVE MINIMIZED THE IMPACT. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH FIRE PARAMEDIC SERVICE THAT THANKFULLY THEY HAVE MANAGED THROUGH THIS. BOTH FIRE AND E.M.S., WE HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATION AND GOOD TECHNOLOGY THAT ENSURES ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES ARE AWARE WHERE THERE ARE ROAD CLOSURES, AND SO WE HAVE HAD NO NEGATIVE IMPACT TO WINNIPEGGERS AS A RESULT. WE RECOGNIZE IF IT'S A CALL OF A POLICE NATURE, 311 WILL BE REFERRING IT TO THE POLICE LINE IN ANY EVENT. BEYOND THAT, WE DO RECEIVE ANECDOTAL FEEDBACK. CERTAINLY, BUSINESSES HAVE SPOKEN TO THE IMPACTS TO THEIR BUSINESS. IN SPEAKING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BIZ, SOME MENTIONED AS MUCH AS 40% REVENUE LOSS FROM THE LOWS DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND, OF COURSE, ANYONE WHO TAKES EVEN A FEW MOMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS SEEING, AGAIN, ANECDOTALLY THE IMPACT OF THE NOISE AND THE OTHER THINGS UPON RESIDENTS. BUT YOU DON'T NEED ME SUMMARIZING SOCIAL MEDIA. SO I THINK I'VE KIND OF HIT THE HIGH POINTS IN TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED. AS FOR POLICE, WHILE I DON'T SPEAK FOR THE POLICE, I THINK THEY'VE LIKELY COMMUNICATED, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE NATURE OF THEIR OPERATION -- WE HAVE AGREED THEY ARE THE LEAD AGENCY, SO WE'RE NOT USING OTHER ARMS OF ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO CARRY OUT OTHER BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE ARE LEAVING IT TO THE POLICE TO MANAGE THE ZONE AND DO WHATEVER LEGAL ENFORCEMENT THEY DETERMINE MOST ADVISABLE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, SECOND QUESTION?

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR ACCESSIBILITY RIGHT NOW. WE DO APPRECIATE IT. TO THE POINT -- AND I SHOULD NOT PREAMBLE SECOND AND THIRD QUESTIONS, I BELIEVE, SO I'LL JUST GET RIGHT TO MY QUESTION. CAN YOU

EXPLAIN WHY, TYPICALLY AND DURING PROTESTS, BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND OTHERS WOULD NOT BE THE LEAD ON ENFORCING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS? TYPICALLY, THAT WOULD BE THE PARKING AUTHORITY, BUT ALSO BY-LAW AND NOISE INFRACTIONS DURING A PROTEST, WHO WOULD ENFORCE THOSE? >> YES, THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. IT WOULD ALWAYS BE THE CASE THAT THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE HAVE ANY CAPABILITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW OF THE LAND. THE REALITY IS IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, POLICE DO FOLKERS ON THE MOST -- DO FOCUS ON THE MOST NECESSARY ACTS. EVEN THE POLICE IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE PROTEST IS TAKING PLACE WITHIN A ZONE. THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH THE POLICE SERVICE, WE HAVE AGREED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO INSERT FURTHER ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THAT ZONE. NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE ALLOWING THE POLICE SERVICE TO TAKE THE LEAD AND THEREFORE CRAFT THEIR OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE SITE, BUT TRULY, IN TERMS OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT OR BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN A PROTEST SITE WHERE THERE COULD BE UP TO 1,000 PEOPLE, IT WOULDN'T BE ADVISABLE TO SEND OUR OFFICERS IN THERE IN A WAY THAT MIGHT ANTAGONIZE OR INFLAME. BY-LAW OFFICERS DON'T CARRY SIDEARMS, AND THEY'RE NOT PREPARED FOR CONFLICT OF ANY ESCALATED MANNER. IT'S CONSISTENT WITH ALLOWING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DEAL IN ESCALATED MODE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. >> PLEASE PARDON MY MASK. I'VE BEEN RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH COVID. CAN YOU PLEASE CLARIFY THAT CERTAINLY, WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, I HAD NO ROLE OVER THE POLICE. HAS THE BY-LAWS CHANGED? WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES? NOW PARKS PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES OVERSEEING THE POLICE? WE SEEM TO HAVE CREATED TWO JURISDICTIONAL MODELS, WITH THE WINNIPEG POLICE AND THE COMMITTEE. WHAT ROLE DOES THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAVE OVER POLICE OPERATIONS, IF ANY? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. JACK?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM GOING TO SAY THAT THAT IS GOING TO REQUIRE AT LEAST IN PART A LEGAL RESPONSE BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT JURISDICTION. YOU LIKELY DON'T NEED THE C.A.O. PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION OFF THE TOP OF HIS HEAD, BUT I AM GOING TO TRY TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS STILL HAS A MEASURE OF CONTROL OVER THE CITY. THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER RATIONALIZATION OR CLEANUP TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE THAT COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION BEGINS AND ENDS AND WHERE THE JURISDICTION OF THE POLICE BOARD BEGINS AND ENDS. I'M NOT TELLING TALES OF THE SCHOOL WHEN I SAY IT'S STILL LESS THAN CLEAR OR WHEN I SAY, AT THE VERY LEAST, WE STILL REQUIRE SOME CLARIFICATION, NOT ONLY FROM THE PROVINCE BUT ANOTHER REVIEW OF HOW OUR OWN BYLAWS ADDRESS THE ISSUE. SO I'M NOT GIVING YOU A CLEAR ANSWER THERE, COUNCILLOR, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS LESS THAN CLEAR, BUT I WILL END BY SIMPLY REMINDING THAT UNDER THE CITY ORGANIZATION BY-LAW, THE CITY DOES RETAIN JURISDICTION OVER MATTERS OF POLICING. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I DO HAVE A SECOND QUESTION. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: COULD THE CAO CLARIFY, WE HAVE MANY CITIZENS DIRECTING THAT WE CALL THE POLICE -- DO I NEED AN EXTENSION THERE, MADAM SPEAKER? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL HAVE A VOTE TO EXTEND TIME FURTHER. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: SECTION 28-4 OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICES ACT STATES THAT THE POLICE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST NOT GIVE ORDERS ON SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL DECISIONS. CAN YOU, TO THE BEST OF YOUR MEMORY, GIVE US -- THIS IS SELLINGER GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION THAT TOOK EFFECT IN 2013, SELLINGER GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION THAT SAYS POLICE BOARDS AND ELECTS OFFICIALS MUST NOT GIVE ORDERS ON SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL DECISIONS OR SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIONS OR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. CAN YOU TALK TO US ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE'VE HAD ANY NUMBER OF SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTARY INSISTING THAT WE DO GIVE DIRECTIONS AND, IN FACT, FAULTING US FOR NOT GIVING DIRECTION. I WOULD SAY THAT'S IN OPPOSITION TO THE SELLINGER GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2013. >> THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULD SAY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ANSWER BECAUSE I CAN CLARIFY MY LAST ANSWER. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE POLICE BOARD, I WOULD GIVE A SIMILAR ANSWER, SO JUST TO BE -- I THINK THE OVERARCHING QUESTION THAT YOU POSED, WHETHER THE COUNCILLORS IN THIS CHAMBER, COLLECTIVELY, HAVE THE POWER TO DIRECT THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, AND THAT ANSWER IS NO. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, OVER TO YOU.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE C.A.O. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, WHO IS ORGANIZING THE INFORMATION OUTPUT WITH RESPECT TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE INFORMATION?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, WE DO DEFER TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE TO COMMUNICATE MOST THINGS GERMANE TO POLICE OPERATIONS. JUST LIKE WE DON'T HAVE POWER OVER THOSE OPERATIONS, THEY DIRECT THEIR OWN INFORMATION. SO THAT -- AND 311, OF COURSE, RECORDING UP TO CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, SO THOSE ARE THE TWO MAINSTREAMS. YOU'RE EITHER GOING TO SEE IT THROUGH, WE'LL CALL IT CORPORATE COMMUNICATING, 311, AND OTHERS OR THROUGH THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: SECOND QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, YES.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THROUGH YOU TO THE C.O.A., WHAT -- CAO, WHAT COLLABORATION IS THERE BETWEEN OUR SERVICES AND THE POLICE WITH REGARDS TO THE CONSTANT INFORMATION

THAT'S GOING OUT TO THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. JACK?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE A FAIRLY QUALIFIED ANSWER. THERE IS A HIGH DEGREE OF COLLABORATION. I CAN SAY THAT MANY TIMES A DAY, OUR DEPARTMENT IS HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POLICE C.A.O. TO DETERMINE WHAT'S BEING COMMUNICATED AND WHEN. OUR OWN INFORMATION RELIES HEAVILY ON SCRIPTING FROM THE POLICE SERVICE. WHEN PEOPLE CALL 311 WITH A POLICE RELATED MATTER, WE NEED INPUT FROM OUR C.S.R.s IN HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO THOSE. WE DON'T MOVE IN LOCK STEP, AND WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF HICCUPS THE LAST WEEK, BUT I WOULD SAY THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM?

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM SPEAKER. THROUGH YOU TO OUR CAO, THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE HAS PRESUMABLY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN DEALING WITH PROTESTS. DOES THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAVE ITS OWN POLICY PROCEDURE GUIDELINES TO GUIDE HOW THE CITY HANDLES PROTESTS?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THERE'S NOT ONE SET PROTEST POLICY PER SE, COUNCILLOR. OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE HAS A SERIES OF PROCEDURES HOW THEY WILL APPROACH ANY LARGE EVENT BECAUSE THEY ARE UNIQUE, SO ONE PLAY BOOK ON HOW TO DEAL WITH A PROTEST HERE LIKELY WOULDN'T APPLY VERY WELL ON A PROTEST OVER THERE OF VARYING SIZE, OF VARYING REASONS, OF VARYING ELEMENTS. SO THERE'S NOWHERE I CAN POINT YOU TO THAT SAYS THIS IS THE CITY'S PROTEST POLICY. THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN GENERAL AND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMME IN GENERAL, UNDER JAY SHAW'S LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW. I CAN CERTAINLY POINT YOU TO THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE IN THE TOOL BOX, BUT THERE'S NO ONE SET PROTEST POLICY, AND IT WOULDN'T MAKE A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE. IT'S DEPENDENT ON SO MANY FACTORS IN EACH EVENT IN TERMS OF HOW THE CITY HAS TO RESPOND. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. ARE THERE REVIEWS POST EVENT TO DETERMINE WHERE THE CITY COULD MAKE CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO FUTURE PROTESTS?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, YES, COUNCILLOR, THAT OCCURS REGULARLY. IN THIS CASE, NOT ONLY THROUGH THE E.O.C., BUT OUR SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING REGULARLY. WHETHER IT'S AFTER A PROTEST, AFTER WHITE-OUT PARTIES, WHETHER AFTER GREY CUP, THERE IS ALWAYS A DEBRIEF WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO SEE WHAT WENT RIGHT, WHAT WENT WRONG, WHAT NEEDS IMPROVING. WHEN THIS IS DONE, AND KNOCK ON WOOD, IT'LL BE DONE SOON, THERE WILL BE MUCH DEBRIEFING TO BE HAD. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILROY?

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. JUST BECAUSE THIS EVENT WILL BE GROWING, THE PROTEST, HOW LONG IT'S TAKING, AND THE OCCUPATION OF CITY STREETS, HAVE YOU HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE SEEN THIS HAPPEN, LESSONS LEARNED. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE AS A COUNCILLOR CAN HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE SAFE AND THAT PROTESTS ARE HAPPENING SAFELY AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST BUT ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVING THEIR STREET AND NOT HAVING THE NOISE AND THE OTHER ISSUES THAT COME ALONG FROM SUCH LONG DISTURBANCES? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. JACK? >> YEAH, THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, SO COUNCILLOR, THE REALLY, THE OVERARCHING QUESTION WAS IS THERE COUNCILLOR THAT COUNCIL WILL BE DOING TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT? WE DO HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS A PART OF MY ROLE OF CAO, I DID CONVENE A MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM. WE ARE NOT CATEGORIZING THIS AS AN EMERGENCY, I WANT TO BE CLEAR, BUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS TO BE EMERGENCY PREPARED, AS WELL, SO WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO CONVENE THAT GROUP, AND ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THAT GROUP WOULD BE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO COME TO COUNCIL TO REQUEST OR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT WE WOULD BE GOING TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR GILROY?

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD WAS YOUR COUNTERPARTS IN PLACES LIKE OTTAWA AND OTHER PLACES THAT HAVE SEEN SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS, THIS IS A VERY DIFFERENT PROTEST, SO HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THOSE CITIES TO SEE WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING TO HELP MITIGATE WHAT WE SAW IN OTHER CITIES? >> I HAVEN'T BEEN HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER CITIES. ONE THING THAT I'VE SEEN DISCUSSIONED IS ONE LESSON -- DISCUSSED IS ONE LESSON FROM OTTAWA THAT WE LEARNED HERE IN THIS CITY IS CONTAINING THE EVENT. IT'S CONTAINED TO A FAIRLY LIMITED FOOTPRINT, WHEREAS, UNFORTUNATELY, IN OTTAWA, WE GET REPORTS OF NEIGHBORHOODS BEING UNDER SOME FORM OF OCCUPATION OR PROTESTS HAVING SPRAWLED THAT FAR. I HAVE, AT THE VERY LEAST, SEEN FEEDBACK SUGGESTING THAT THE EARLY CONTAINMENT WAS A BENEFIT, AND OUR POLICE SERVICE WILL ALWAYS TIP -- THIS IS THEIR PRACTICE. THEY WILL ALWAYS ENGAGE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS JUST TO BEGIN TO HAVE LOGISTICAL DISCUSSIONS, AND THAT DID OCCUR HERE. FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE OR AT LEAST THE MESSAGING THAT THEY'VE PUT OUT TO THE PUBLIC, THAT HAS BEEN OF BENEFIT, AND THEY FEEL THAT THEY'VE GOT LINES OF DISCUSSION OPEN TO DISCUSSION THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CITY, LIKE THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL IN THE ZONE, THAT KIND OF THING. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. FINAL QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. AND WITH RESPECT TO KNOWING THAT IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE GROWING THIS COMING WEEKEND AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE FROM MANY DIFFERENT SIDES OF THIS ISSUE MAYBE IN ONE SPACE, HAS THERE BEEN SOME PREPAREDNESS, SOME EFFORTS MADE, YOU KNOW, TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYBODY. >> MADAM SPEAKER, PROBABLY THE BEST RESPONSE I CAN GIVE IS I WELL CONFIRMED MANY DAYS AGO THAT THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE IS AWARE OF THOSE INDICATIONS AND THOSE PROMOTIONS AND THOSE PLANS THAT ARE BEING COMMUNICATED PUBLICLY. THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE MATTER WELL IN HAND. IN TERMS OF THEIR EXACT OPERATIONAL RESPONSE, I WOULDN'T BE PRIVY TO OPERATE HERE, EVEN IF THAT WAS ADVISABLE. CERTAINLY, THE E.O.C. HAS CONTINUED TO MANAGE AND MEET DAILY TO ENSURE WE'RE AS PREPARED AS WE CAN BE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR NASON, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR SPEAKER, AND THROUGH YOU, I'LL DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE C.A.O., WHO, AS I UNDERSTAND, IS ALSO TRAINED IN LAW. THERE WAS A COMMUNICATION THAT SPARKED WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT INDICATED THAT THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE IS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THE PEACE AND COMMITTING PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL. THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY GATHER. THIS SUPERSEDES THE TRAFFIC AND CITY BYLAWS. WE RECOGNIZE THE INCONVENIENCE AND DELAYS INVOLVED. MY QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER, IS HOW IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS VETTED THROUGH THE CAO OFFICE TO CREATE SUCH A FLASHPOINT FOR OUR CITY? >> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THE COUNCILLOR HAS HIT ON ONE OF THOSE HICCUPS TO WHICH I REFERRED. THAT WASN'T A GOOD SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSE, COUNCILLOR, BY ANY STRETCH. AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH HOW 311 OPERATES, AND I KNOW CERTAINLY YOU ARE, COUNCILLOR NASON, OUR C.S.R.s CAN'T BE EXPERTED ON EVERYTHING. -- EXPERT ON EVERYTHING. THEY RELY HEAVILY ON SCRIPTING. THAT'S HOW THAT POSITION WORKS. THAT RESPONSE THAT YOU SAW HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TWO YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO A DIFFERENT EVENT, COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EVENT, UNRELATED, AND IT WAS SCRIPTING THAT REMAINED IN THE 311 SYSTEM, AND SO THAT WAS THE BASIS UPON WHICH THAT RESPONSE WAS OFFERED. IT WAS NOT A GOOD RESPONSE. I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE 311 OFFERING PSEUDO LEGAL OPINIONS. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ON MY WATCH. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES?

COUNCILLOR NASON: MADAM SPEAKER, DO I NOT GET A SECOND QUESTION? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR NASON, SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU. I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE. THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I WONDER IF THE C.A.O. CAN CONFIRM, IS THIS AN ACTUAL OCCUPATION OR IS IT A PROTEST?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I'M NOT SURE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EITHER OF THOSE DEFINITIONS, COUNCILLOR. I'VE HEARD A VARIETY OF TERMS USED. PROTEST IS LIKELY THE SIMPLEST ONE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANYTHING FURTHER?

COUNCILLOR NASON: YEAH, LAST QUESTION. WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, THE CAO DID INDICATE, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT OTTAWA HAS TAKEN AND PRESENTED SOME LESSONS LEARNED. HOW IS IT THAT SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OR PEDESTRIANS FROM TRAFFIC HASN'T BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN THIS AREA, CONSIDERING THE EVENTS ALMOST A WEEK AGO? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MOVES EXTENSION OF 15 MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED. MR. JACK?

>> YEAH, THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULD LIKELY TAKE ISSUE WITH THE OBSERVATION OF THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU'VE OFFERED UP THERE, COUNCILLOR. I THINK BOTH THE POLICE SERVICE AND OTHER CITY OPERATIONS LIKE OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO MINIMIZE CONFLICTS BETWEEN PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES. IN ADDITION, WE WENT AND TRIED TO DO ADDITIONAL ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL JUST TO ENSURE THAT MOTORISTS TRAVELLING THROUGH THE AREA WOULD HAVE MAXIMUM CONTROL AND NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ANY POTENTIAL ACCIDENTS OR OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS. POLICE ARE MONITORING THE AREA. ONLY ANECDOTALLY, I WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL DOWN THE AREA SAFELY AND NOT HIT ANY PEDESTRIANS. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES, YOUR QUESTION TO THE CAO?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE MR. SHAW WHO COMES TO COUNCILLOR WHEN WE HAVE SEMINARS. I JUST WONDER, THE EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICE, WITH TWO COUNCILLORS SITTING ON IT, I'M JUST WONDERING WHO DECIDES OR IS THERE A REASON WHY THE EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICE DOESN'T PROVIDE MORE REGULAR UPDATES ON SITUATIONS SUCH AS, SAY, THE OCCUPATION? WE NEVER HAD A BRIEFING OR AN UPDATE ON THE BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST. WE NEVER HAD AN IN-DEPTH UPDATE ON THAT, AND I'M JUST, NOT BEING A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, I DO STILL GET CALLS FROM RESIDENTS WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON. AND FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HAVING AN EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICE, I'M JUST WONDERING WHY THE EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICE DOESN'T PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES OR DO WE HAVE TO CALL COUNCIL SEMINARS OR SPECIAL MEETINGS? THERE'S NOT REALLY A PROCESS TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON BIG ISSUES GOING DOWN. I SEND E-MAILS OFF TO YOU, MR. JACK OR MR.

SHAW, BUT I GUESS FROM AN INFORMATION SHARING PERSPECTIVE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE CLARITY ON HOW COUNCIL RECEIVES UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. JACK?

>> YEAH. THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR, I WOULD SAY THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON, AND SOMETHING THAT I'M COMMITTED TO WORK WITH YOU ON HOW BEST TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS. THIS ONE, I DON'T THINK -- I THINK YOU WOULD AGREE, ONE SIGNIFICANT AREA OF INTEREST IS POLICING IN THIS PARTICULAR EVENT, AND THAT'S NOT ONE THAT OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE WOULD BE PROVIDING YOU AN UPDATE ON IN ANY EVENT FOR REASONS THAT WE'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT. BUT LISTEN, I'M ABSOLUTELY PREPARED TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN GIVE BETTER, MORE FREQUENT UPDATES. ALSO HAPPY TO CONVENE A COUNCIL MEETING FOR YOU, AS WELL. I'VE ALREADY SAID IT. I'M HOPING THAT THIS PARTICULAR EVENT IS ENDING SOON, BUT LET ME FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN GIVE YOU MORE TIMELY SUMMARIES OF WHERE WE'RE AT OR AT LEAST SHARE AS MUCH AS WE CAN.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SURE. I THINK WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH THIS OCCUPATION OR PROTEST, I DO THINK THERE WILL BE MORE IN THE FUTURE COMING ON-LINE, AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MUCH BETTER FLOW OF INFORMATION SHARING WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE CALLS FROM THE PUBLIC -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES, YOUR SECOND QUESTION, PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THAT'S IT. THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: DO YOU WANT TO RESTATE THE QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: NO, HE ANSWERED MY QUESTION. THAT'S GREAT. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: NOTHING FURTHER. COUNCILLOR KLEIN?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: I JUST HAD ONE QUESTION. I'M SORRY. THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, DO WE KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S COST TO THIS POINT IN POLICE OVERTIME?

>> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I DON'T HAVE THAT FIGURE IN FRONT OF ME, COUNCILLOR. I DO EXPECT THAT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF BEING CALCULATED. I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER AS OF YET

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THROUGH YOU, THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR ROLLINS?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: YES, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF FORT

ROUGE, FORT GARRY, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING BESIDE THEM IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS, BUT IN PARTICULAR, THE COUNTLESS HOURS THAT YOU'VE WORKED IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS. I'M CONCERNED WITH CITIZENS CALLING THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE NON-EMERGENCY LINE NOT GETTING THROUGH. 311 -- AND THIS IS THE QUESTION, IF THEY PIVOTED TO OUR 311 SERVICE, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE WOULD JUST SAY NO, THIS IS A POLICE MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE NOISE ENFORCEMENT RIGHT NOW, AND THEY WOULD BE PITCHED BACK TO THE POLICE SERVICE. IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING? >> THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. YEAH, COUNCILLOR, IT'S LIKELY -- THERE'S LIKELY A LITTLE MORE NUANCE THERE, BUT I THINK YOU'VE SUMMARIZED IT WELL. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THE SECOND QUESTION, IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, I'VE ASKED, YOU KNOW, MOSTLY LONGINGLY WITH RESPECT TO OTTAWA'S INJUNCTION BECAUSE I WANT NOISE -- IMMEDIATE NOISE -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THE QUESTION, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THE QUESTION IS THIS -- AND I'VE NOTED YOU'RE QUICK ON THE TIME BECAUSE WE'RE OUT OF THE PREAMBLE, MADAM SPEAKER. MY QUESTION IS, WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY DOING AN INJUNCTION, MY UNDERSTANDING -- AND I'M WONDERING IF IT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING -- IS THAT AS AN ENTITY, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CAN'T EXPERIENCE THE KIND OF HARMS THAT MY RESIDENCE ARE EXPERIENCING WITH LOUD HONKING AND, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKES, A TRAIN WHISTLE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, THE QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: MADAM SPEAKER, I'M ASKING THE QUESTION. IS IT THAT THE WARD RESIDENTS CAN'T EXPERIENCE THE HARMS -- CAN EXPERIENCE THE HARMS AND THE CITY RESIDENTS CAN'T, AND THAT'S WHY THEY CAN'T FILE AN INJUNCTION?

>> MADAM SPEAKER, YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT A LEGAL CONCEPT, BUT I'LL TRY AND DO MY BEST. YEAH, WHAT YOU SAW IN OTTAWA WAS A GROUP OF RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ALLEGED THAT THEY ARE SUFFERING DAMAGE BY VIRTUE OF THE NUISANCES THEY ALLEGE TO BE OCCURRING, SO DISRUPTION TO THEIR LIVES, THOSE THINGS ARE ALL COMPENSABLE AT LAW OF NUISANCE AND OTHERS. THE CITY ISN'T LOSING SLEEP. THE CITY IS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SO IT WOULDN'T HAVE THE SAME NATURE OF DAMAGES. IF THE CITY COULD POINT TO MEASURABLE DAMAGES, IF THE CITY WERE INDO YOU REMEMBERING ADDITIONAL COSTS, IF CITY PROPERTY WERE BEING DAMAGED THAT IS GOING TO REQUIRE REPAIR, ANY DAMAGES THAT COULD BE QUANTIFIED, THEN IT COULD PUT THE CITY IN A POSITION TO RECOVER DAMAGES. BUT WHAT YOU'RE OBSERVING FIRSTHAND OR OBSERVING ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IMPACTS FROM THE NOISE, THE CITY CAN'T TYPICALLY COLLECT FROM THAT TYPE OF THING. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION PERIOD. THANK YOU, MR. JACK. >> THANK YOU. MOTIONS BEFORE US. FIRST MOTION, MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NASON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN. WE HAVE MOTION TWO AND MOTION THREE, SO WE'LL PROCEED IN ORDER. WE DO HAVE THREE MOTIONS, SO WE'LL NEED A SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO HAVE ALL THREE ON THE FLOOR TODAY. MR. MAYOR MOVES SUSPENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR –

>> MADAM SPEAKER, BEFORE YOU MOVE THAT, WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED MOTION THREE, TO MY KNOWLEDGE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. THE CLERK WILL FORWARD THAT ONTO THOSE WHO ARE REMOTE. SO MOTION ONE, MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NASON. OKAY. SO MR. MAYOR, YOU HAD MOVED SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO HAVE THREE MOTIONS ON THE FLOOR. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? [Indiscernible]. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR OF THREE MOTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS CHAMBERS, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, KLEIN, ROLLINS, COUNCILLORS NASON, SCHREYER, ORLIKOW, SANTOS, BROWATY, MAYES, LUKES, AND MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

CLERK: THE VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER, YEAS 15, NAYS 1. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: ON MOTION TWO, MADE BY COUNCILLOR NASON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN. COUNCILLOR NASON, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND THE MAIN MOTION.

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I RISE TO SPEAK TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND THE MAIN MOTION. I WROTE THESE BEFORE THE MEETING. MY POSITION IS WE SHOULDN'T BE MEETING HERE. IT WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED TO HAVE A SEMINAR TO DISCUSS IT. WELL BEFORE THE MAYOR HELD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO INFORM THE CITY OF HIS DECISION TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCILLOR, AND HIS MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US TODAY. THERE WAS NO DIALOGUE WITH COUNCIL. WE WAITED A COUPLE HOURS TO ACTUALLY GET THE TIMING OF THE MEETING. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THING HAPPEN, BUT, YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE WORKING AS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO THROUGH COUNCIL SEMINARS. YOU KNOW, UNTIL HIS OPENING SPEECH, I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE. I KNOW THAT, I'VE SEEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA,

CONTACT, DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PREMIER, OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY'VE HAD FOR GRABBING A QUICK COFFEE IN TUXEDO. I'M NOT SURE WHY THEY COULDN'T HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS MOST PRESSING MATTER TO DETERMINE WHAT COURSE OF ACTIONS THAT THE PROVINCE COULD DO TO WORK, AGAIN, IN COLLABORATION. WHAT WE HAVE, AGAIN, IS WHEN ADVERSITY HITS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, WE HAVE SILOS. WE KNOW THE MAYOR'S BEEN BRIEFED BY E.P.C. AND PROBABLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. WE KNOW THE DEPUTY MAYOR LEFT A STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY COUNCIL COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS MOST PRESSING MATTER. PEOPLE, ALL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR VIEWS, BE IT RIGHT OR WRONG. PEOPLE, ALL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR WANTS FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. AS I TRIED TO ASK THROUGH MY QUESTIONS TO THE C.A.O., I'VE DRIVEN THROUGH THE AREAS OF PROTESTS SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THIS PAST WEEKEND. MY DAUGHTER GOES TO SCHOOL JUST WEST OF THIS AREA, SO I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH THERE AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE DAY. I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE A PEDESTRIAN IN THAT AREA. THERE'S A CITY OF WINNIPEG CROSSWALK THAT IS FULLY BLOCKED OFF AND UNUSEABLE. THERE ARE VEHICLES BLOCKING SIGHT LINES, TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC, WITH PEDESTRIANS ENCROACHING IMMEDIATELY ON THE LANE OF TRAFFIC, TRYING TO HIGH FIVE, WAVING THEIR FLAGS, PUTTING THEIR BANNERS UP. THERE'S NO SEPARATION. THERE ARE PEOPLE HANDING MATERIALS OUT ADJACENT TO THE ROADWAY WITHOUT SEPARATION. I HAVE OBSERVED THAT DIRECTLY. UNTIL MOST RECENTLY, THAT TRAIN HORN. I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT SYSTEM THEY'RE USING, BUT IT IS DEAFENING, AND I FEEL FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PROTESTING IN THAT AREA AS WELL AS THE RESIDENTS AND THOSE WORKING IN THE AREA BECAUSE THE DECIBEL LEVELS ARE EXTREME. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR PROCESS, AS I UNDERSTAND, AS OF LATE YESTERDAY, THAT THEY ARE CHANGING LENGTHS, AND THAT IS WHAT MOST RECENTLY TRANSPIRED, AND I BELIEVE THAT OCCURRED THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH THOSE THAT ARE PROTESTING. PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED. THEY'VE HAD IT UP TO THEIR EYEBALLS WITH THE MANDATES. WE SEE LEADERS TRAVELLING TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, PARTYING WITHOUT MASKS, ALL THE WHILE, TELLING US TO STAY HOME, MASK UP. WE'VE SEEN THAT THROUGH THE LEADER OF OUR COUNTRY, WHEN HE TRAVELLED TO EUROPE, SO YOU WONDER WHY THE SEEDS OF DOUBT WANDER IN TO THE DEBATES THAT WE HAVE. NOT THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MISINFORMATION OR ALTERNATIVE LENSES ON THE MATTERS THAT ARE BEFORE US. WE HAVE A HEALTH CRISIS, YES. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCIENTISTS ARE GET VACCINATED, YES. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE MADE THAT PERSONAL CHOICE, YES. WE WANT TO GET BACK TO NORMAL, YES. WE WANT TO HEAL AS A COMMUNITY, OUR CITY, OUR PROVINCE, AND OUR NATION, BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT WHILE WE CONTINUE TO DIVIDE OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CITY, OUR PROVINCE, AND OUR NATION. WE ARE NOT OTTAWA. OUR PROTEST IS NOT THE SAME AS OTTAWA -- AT LEAST NOT YET. I AM TRULY SHOCKED THAT I AM NOT HEARING HORNS AND VEHICLES DRIVING AROUND IN PROTEST AT CITY HALL. WE ADVERTISED THAT WE'RE HAVING A MEETING TODAY. I AM TRULY SHOCKED. I DID WAKE UP THIS MORNING TO HEAR THAT THEY'RE PROTESTING IN EMERSON. I SEE THE PROTESTS THAT ARE GOING ON AT OTHER BORDER POINTS. THIS IS HAVING A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON AN ALREADY FRAGILE ECONOMY, AND I FEEL THAT AS A COUNCIL, NOT WORKING IN COLLABORATION, BUT WRITING PUFF PIECE MOTIONS TO TRY TO ADDRESS VERY SERIOUS MATTERS, MATTERS THAT COULD, AGAIN, BE DELIVERED THROUGH

COLLABORATION. I'M NOT TRYING TO JUDGE THE PROTESTERS. THEY MAY PROTEST STUFF THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH, BUT I DO AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL, THAT WE'VE TRIED, THROUGH SOME RESTRICTIONS -- I WON'T CALL THEM LOCKDOWNS BECAUSE I WASN'T FACED WITH SOME OF THOSE LOCKDOWNS THAT WERE EXTREME IN QUEBEC. I DON'T THINK OUR LEVEL OF LOCKDOWN MEASURED IN ANY WAY TO WHAT THEY HAD. THROUGH THE RESTRICTIONS, YES, THEY WERE PAINFUL, BUT THEY WERE NOT EXTREME. THEY WERE PUT IN PLACE TO TRY TO GET US TO MOVE FORWARD. I THINK WE'VE REACHED OUR PEAK OF THAT APPROACH. I THINK WE NOW HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE AND MANY OF THOSE THAT ARE PROTESTING PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY GONE THROUGH THE SUFFERING OF COVID AND PROBABLY EXPERIENCED DIFFICULT DAYS AND QUESTIONS OF WILL THEY MAKE IT OUT TO THE OTHER SIDE? I PRAY THAT THE SUFFERING OF THOSE THAT ARE IN HOSPITAL, I HOPE THAT THEY RECOVER. I HOPE THAT THE PRESSURES THAT ARE ON OUR MEDICAL SYSTEM START TO EASE. WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE TO START WORKING TOGETHER. THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR, I UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I'VE BEEN SEEING IT NOW. I WAS WARNED THAT A LOT OF THESE DIVISIVE AND POINT MOTIONS ARE COMING. I WANT TO GET ON WERE THE BUSINESS. I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING TODAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM St. BONIFACE STREET LINKS TO TALK ABOUT OUR SHELTERS. I HAD TO DEFER THAT. WE'RE NOT HAVING MEETINGS TO TALK ABOUT RECORD MURDER RATES AND CRIME RATES THAT ARE -- SEE, I ALMOST SWORE? SCARING OUR CITY. WE'RE NOT HAVING DEBATES ON THAT. WE HAVE MOTIONS THAT COME THROUGH. WE HAVE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT COME THROUGH, BUT HERE WE ARE, TODAY, OF THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DEBATED, WE'RE HAVING AN EMERGENCY DEBATE. WE COULD HAVE HAD AN EMERGENCY COUNCILLOR SEMINAR ON TUESDAY, WHEN SEVERAL OF US RAISED CONCERNS WITH REGARDS TO THE SAFETY AND UNDERTAKINGS OF THIS OCCUPATION OR PROTEST, DEPENDING ON WHICH COUNCILLOR IS SPEAKING TO IT. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO A SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL. I DO HOPE THAT THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAS DIALOGUE WITH THOSE THAT ARE OUT FRONT OF THEIR STEPS. I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LENS PUT ON IT. IF YOU TALK TO ANYBODY ABOUT THEIR MOVEMENTS, YOU'RE VIEWED IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT, AND WE KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF PROTESTS IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG ON DIFFERENT MATTERS, OF COURSE. BUT IF WE CAN'T DISCUSS MATTERS WITH MEMBERS ON THE OTHER SIDE, WE HAVE A PROBLEM. I KNOW THAT COLLEAGUES AT THIS TABLE HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS THAN I, VASTLY DIFFERENT VIEWS POLITICALLY -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBER MOVES EXTENSION, TWO MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M GOING TO WRAP UP. I KNOW THAT COUNCILLOR MAYES AND I, HE'S MORE ON THE LEFT SIDE, AND I'M MORE ON THE RIGHT, BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS AT CITY HALL -- THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT CITY HALL, AND THAT'S WHY I CAME TO CITY HALL, THE HOPE THAT WE CAN BUILD CONSISTENCY, THAT WE CAN WALK ACROSS THOSE PARTY IDEA LINES AND COME TO THE COMMON GOOD FOR OUR CITY. WHAT I SEE RIGHT NOW IS DIVISION, AND WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FORWARD. THE RESIDENTS IN AND AROUND THE LEGISLATURE THAT -- THE WORKERS IN AND AROUND THE LEGISLATURE NEED TO HAVE PEACE OF MIND THAT THEY CAN GET BACK TO WORK REASONABLY, BE ABLE TO GO TO BED AND ENJOY LIFE REASONABLY, AND

THE PEOPLE DOWN AT THE LEGISLATURE CAN GO HOME AND GET BACK TO WORK SO THAT WE CAN REBUILD OUR ECONOMY AND HAVE A GREAT CITY, GREAT COMMUNITY, AND GREAT PROVINCE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR NASON. COUNCILLOR KLEIN, I'D LIKE TO CALL ON YOU NOW. IT'S AMENDING MOTION TWO, AND THAT WAS MOVED BY YOURSELF AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR NASON. YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO THE MAYOR FOR TAKING ACTION. I AGREE THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THINGS GET DONE, AND I THINK RESIDENTS WANT THINGS DONE. THEY WANT ACTION, AND NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE REAL ACTION TO MITIGATE THE DISRUPTION THAT WE SEE AND THAT WE HEAR ON THE STREETS OF WINNIPEG. THE POLICE ACT OF MANITOBA IS CLEAR. WE'VE HEARD IT MANY TIMES TODAY. ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE PROHIBITED, UNDER PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION, FROM DIRECTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE. IN FACT, I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THE MAYOR PUT THAT IN THE MOTION CORRECTLY. IF THE MAYOR OR MY COLLEAGUES HAD AGREED OR WOULD AGREE TO GO FORWARD WITH WHAT IS WRITTEN IN FRONT OF US TODAY, AND I KNOW WE'RE HAVING MANY DISCUSSIONS, WHICH IS -- I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT. BUT IF WE WENT AHEAD WITH THAT, I'D HAVE TO ASK, WHAT IS BEING ACHIEVED? BECAUSE IN AGREEING WITH THE MAYOR AND MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES, SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN. I BELIEVE THE MAYOR ALSO SAID -- AND I DON'T WANT TO MISQUOTE HIM, SO I'M NOT GOING TO QUOTE, BUT WE'RE NOT DEBATING VACCINES. WE'RE DEBATING THE ISSUES OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DOWNTOWN WITH RESIDENTS, THE DISRUPTION. AND I HOPE I'VE SUMMARIZED THAT CORRECTLY, THROUGH YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THROUGH TO THE MAYOR. THE WORDS IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION, I DON'T FEEL GET US ANY RESULTS, ANY TANGIBLE RESULTS. I APPRECIATE WHERE WE'RE GOING, AND IT'S A GREAT STEP FORWARD, AND HERE WE ARE TODAY, BECAUSE THE MAYOR CALLED THAT SPECIAL MEETING, AND HAVING THIS DISCUSSION. BUT I WOULD URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MEASURES AS WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, AND EVERYONE CAN SEE US WALKING AROUND AND TALKING ABOUT IT. THIS IS WONDERFUL. BUT I WOULD URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO LOOK AT THE AMENDING MOTION TO -- THAT THE MAYOR, UTILIZING THE POWERS OF SAID OFFICE TO REACH OUT TO THE PREMIER. I KNOW HE HAS, AND I KNOW THEY TALK. BUT THAT'S THE POWER THAT WE GAVE HIM TO SAY, REPRESENT US, MR. MAYOR, AND HE'S BEEN DOING THAT. I'M ALSO URGING MY COLLEAGUES TO DIRECT THE CAO TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN INJUNCTION RELATIVE TO RESTORING CALM AND ORDER TO THE COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF THE EXCESSIVE NOISE AND VEHICLE DISRUPTIONS BEING EXPERIENCED. WE HEARD MR. JACK -- NOT A LEGAL OPINION, BUT WE HEARD MR. JACK SAY IT'S DIFFICULT GROUNDS FOR A CITY IF YOU DON'T HAVE CAUSE. AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT THE OVERTIME THAT WE'RE PAYING TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, NOT TO MENTION HOW THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT PENSIONS, BUT THE OVERTIME IS HAVING AN IMPACT ON ALL RESIDENTS. THE LOSS OF BUSINESSES WILL IMPACT THIS CITY IF BUSINESSES LOSE MORE REVENUE AND HAVE TO SHUTDOWN. WE HAVE TO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT WE'VE

ALREADY SPENT MORE MONEY DOING EXTRA SNOW CLEARING THERE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS. I THINK THIS IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING US AS A CITY, AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THAT WE DIRECT THE C.A.O., NOT JUST FOR A LAWSUIT OR AN INJUNCTION, BUT LET HIM INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN INJUNCTION. LET HIM, IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH POLICE, GIVE POLICE THE POWER THEY NEED. A DIRECTIVE FROM THE COURT HAS THE POWER TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE FORMALLY, SWIFTLY, AND EFFECTIVELY, AND THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WANT. THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG WANT ACTION. WE DON'T WANT MORE DIVISION, AND THE MAYOR IS NOT SAYING, VACCINE AGAINST NONVACCINE OR ANYTHING. THEY'RE JUST SAYING LOOK, WE NEED ORDER. WE NEED ORDER, AND I AGREE WITH THAT. WE NEED ORDER, AND AN INJUNCTION IS, AGAIN, THE MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION TO ACHIEVE ORDER. IT GIVES THE POWER TO POLICE TO INTENSIFY THEIR APPROACH TO WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN, BUT I'M NOT A LAWYER, ESPECIALLY A LAWYER THAT HAS EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OR MUNICIPAL LAW, SO LET'S LET THE CAO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE NECESSARY, AND LET'S GET SOMETHING DONE. I KNOW THERE'S OTHER MOTIONS BEFORE US, AND I WOULD ENTERTAIN ADDING ALL OF IT TO MINE, ALL OF IT, AND SAY WE STILL WANT TO GET SOMETHING DONE, SO THE MOTION THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS THAT WE'LL HEAR ABOUT, AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, NICE -- GREAT JOB. BUT WE STILL NEED ACTION RIGHT NOW, AND WE NEED TO GIVE THE CAO THE ABILITY TO LOOK INTO THE COURT INJUNCTION RIGHT NOW AND GIVE THE POWERS TO OUR POLICE TO GET SOMETHING DONE. YOU KNOW, TODAY IS A GREAT DAY, AND IT'S A FORK IN THE ROAD FOR US. WE'RE GOING TO BE, I THINK, A POLITICAL GROUP THAT CAME TOGETHER NOT UNDER THE VACCINE BECAUSE THE MAYOR CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING TO TALK ABOUT OUR CITY. HOW IS IT IMPACTING OUR CITY? IT'S COSTING THE W.P.S., YOU KNOW AND I KNOW, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, WE'RE ALL FORMER POLICE BOARD MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, WHO'S THERE TODAY. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE COST FOR THE STAFF FOR THE CITY FOR POLICING, SO I AGREE THAT MORE ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN, AND I BELIEVE THAT NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE REAL ACTION. GIVE THE DIRECTION TO THE C.A.O. TO INVESTIGATE A COURT INJUNCTION IMMEDIATELY, AND IF THAT IS BEST FOR THE CITY AND ALLOWS THE POLICE TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE THE COST AND RISK TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG -- BECAUSE THE RISK IS THERE, SO IF THIS ALLOWS THAT TO HAPPEN, THEN I WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT ME ON THAT. I'LL SAY NOW, I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND CHAMBERS ON MANY OF THEIR POINTS, AND I THINK TOGETHER WE CAN FORM A REALLY STRONG MOTION WITH THE HELP OF ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE MAYOR, WHO'S GOING AROUND AND HAVING DISCUSSIONS. SO WHY -- WHY DON'T WE MOVE THE MOTIONS TOGETHER? I CAN'T DO THAT PROPERLY UNDER PROTOCOL. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I THINK WE STILL, AT THE VERY LEAST, NEED TO GET SOMETHING DONE NOW, AND WE DO THAT NOW BY HAVING OUR CAO DIRECT OUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH POLICE AND OTHERS TO FILE OR AT LEAST DETERMINE WHETHER WE CAN FILE FOR AN IMMEDIATE COURT INJUNCTION, INCREASING THE POWERS TO POLICE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BECAUSE OF WHAT IT'S COSTING OUR CITY. WE'RE GOING TO PAY MILLIONS MORE FOR SNOW REMOVAL, AND YEAH, THE WINNIPEG POLICE OVERTIME. IT'S DIFFICULT TIMES, SO, MY COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE HAVING TODAY. MR. MAYOR, I KNOW IT'S UNCOMMON FOR ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, BUT I

WILL. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. I HAD FIRST THOUGHT THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS UNNECESSARY. BUT I LOOKED AT THE MOTION AND THOUGHT NO, WE NEED TO GET SOMETHING DONE. WAS RESIDENTS BOUGHT SOMETHING DONE NOW, AND THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO TO GET SOMETHING DONE NOW WOULD BE TO DIRECT THE CAO-- ALL THE POINTS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE PUT FORWARD ARE GREAT, BUT ASKING THE CAO TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INJUNCTION IMMEDIATELY. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYONE TALK ABOUT VACCINE OR ANTIVACCINE. I'VE HEARD ABOUT DIVISION THROUGH THE MEDIA, THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. WE'RE NOT CAUSING MORE. WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE TODAY, AND AGAIN, I'LL SAY IT, THANK YOU, TO THE MAYOR, TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT ON THE CITY THAT IT'S HAPPENING. SO HOPEFULLY, YOU'LL CONSIDER IT, AND HOPEFULLY, MY COLLEAGUES WILL CONSIDER ADDING THE TWO MOTIONS TOGETHER. THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR KLEIN. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE AMENDING MOTION THREE?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: MADAM SPEAKER, MY CONSTITUENTS LIVE, WORK, EAT, PLAY, AND SHOP DOWNTOWN. THEY LIVE, THEY WORK, THEY SHOP, THEY PLAY DOWNTOWN. BUT OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS MADAM SPEAKER, THAT HAS BECOME DISRUPTED AND UNSAFE. I HAVE HEARD STORIES FROM FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING WOKEN THROUGH THE NIGHT AND ARE BEING SENT TO SCHOOL TIRED AND UPSET. I'VE HEARD STORIES FROM HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT, ONLY TO COME HOME AND HAVE UNACCEPTABLE NOISE AND POLLUTION ALL DAY SO THAT THEY CANNOT FOR THEIR NEXT SHIFT, THEIR UNRELENTING SHIFTS. I'VE HEARD STORIES FROM STUDENTS WALKING TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE SHOP, HARASSED, MADE TO FEEL UNSAFE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS WHILE THEY'RE WEARING THE MASK THAT I'M WEARING NOW, AND THAT IS ALL IN ADDITION TO MANY DOCUMENTED ASSAULTS ON OUR FREE PRESS. JOURNALISTS SPIT OUT, YELLED AT, NOT ALLOWED TO WALK-THROUGH THE GROUNDS WITHOUT FEAR OF THEIR SAFETY, AND THIS IS MAGNIFIED WITH ASSAULTS ON INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR. WHEN UNIONS HAVE MARCHED FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE, BETTER WORK CONDITIONS, AND BETTER WAGES, I MARCHED WITH THEM. WHEN WOMEN MARCHED FOR AN END TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS, I MARCHED WITH THEM. WHEN PROTESTERS PITCHED A TENT TO PROTEST PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ON HIGGINS, I MARCHED WITH THEM. THESE WERE PROTESTED TO GET BETTER CONDITIONS, NOT AN ASSAULT ON THIS CITY. THIS IS DIFFERENT. AS WE SPEAK, MY HOMETOWN OF OTTAWA, OUR NATION'S CAPITAL AIRPORT IS BEING OCCUPIED. AS WE SPEAK, EMERSON IS BLOCKED, A FUNDAMENTAL TRADE ROUTE TO OUR CITY. COUTTS IS BLOCKED. THIS ISN'T A CONTEXT WHERE WINNIPEG'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE BEING SLOWED DOWN, MADAM SPEAKER BY SHOCKS DUE TO THE GLOBAL 19 PANDEMIC. THIS IS THE CONTEXT WHERE DOWNTOWN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS BUT, DUE TO THIS PROLONGED PROTEST TURNED OCCUPATION, BUSINESSES ARE BEING HARASSED AND CLOSING, REPORTING LOSSES DAY AFTER DAY. THE PROTESTS I SUPPORT DO NOT HAVE VICTIMS. VICTIMS LIKE THE FAMILIES PREVENTED FROM ACCESSING HEALTH CARE DUE TO THE MENACING MEMBERS OF THIS CONVOY. OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS LIKE THE CANCELLING OF WINNIPEG CLINIC APPOINTMENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING AS WE SPEAK. PEOPLE REFUSING TO GO TO THE WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC. THIS

PROTEST IS DIFFERENT. AN EMERGENCY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THIS IS IMPORTANT, AND RESIDENTS ACROSS WINNIPEG ARE LISTENING. WE MUST TAKE THE TIME WITHIN THIS EMERGENCY DEBATE TO DO ALL WE CAN DO TODAY, AND THEN DO MORE, AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE WILL LIKELY HAVE TO DO MORE. I ANTICIPATE WE MAY NEED TO GIVE OUR -- TURN OUR MIND TO MORE EMERGENCY DEBATES, GIVEN THE EVENTS IN OTTAWA AND AT OUR BORDER. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS THE AUTHORITY TO POLICE BYLAWS, WHICH ARE BEING BROKEN ON A REGULAR BASIS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO PASS NEW BYLAWS. WE CAN SPEAK TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND YES, WE CAN CONVENE WITH EACH OTHER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS AND WRITE MOTIONS ON THE FLY. WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO RECLAIM OUR CITY'S DOWNTOWN AND ENSURE THIS DOESN'T GROW. THIS PROTEST IS DIFFERENT. THE NOISE, BLOCKING TRAFFIC, THE STREET LEVEL HARASSMENT THAT IS RACIALIZED AND TARGETED AND ANTISEMITIC. THESE IMPACTS OF PEOPLE TRYING TO GET DOWNTOWN, TRYING TO GET PEOPLE -- YOU KNOW, CHARGE THEM FOR PARKING, BUSINESSES' ABILITY TO OPERATE AND SERVICE CUSTOMERS -- MADAM SPEAKER, SERVICE CUSTOMERS DURING A PANDEMIC, AND OBVIOUSLY AND MOST CRITICALLY, AS THE PROTECTIVE WARD COUNCILLOR FOR FORT ROUGE, FORT GARRY, AND THE DOWNTOWN, THIS IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S HURTING THE HEALTH OF MY WARD RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS THAT MARCHED WITH ME, WITH TORTUROUS NOISE. MADAM SPEAKER, IN THE COMING DAYS, IF THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE NEEDS SUPPORT, I WILL BE WITH THEM. IF THEY NEED SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I WILL CALL ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER. THIS PROTEST IS DIFFERENT. THE MOTION IS A START. IT REVIEWS NOISE POLLUTION BYLAWS, IT LOOKS AT THE FORCEMENT ABILITY OF THE CITY. TO BE CLEAR, I WANT A TOTAL SUSPENSION OF PARKING LONG BROADWAY AND YORK AGAIN TO BE ENFORCED. THE TIME FOR LAWLESS PROTEST, MADAM SPEAKER, HAS REALLY COME TO AN END, AND I WILL SUPPORT MEASURES TO BRING THIS PROTEST INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND I'LL DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THAT, AND I TRUST COUNCIL WILL START DOING THE WORK NECESSARY, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. WE'LL NOW MOVE INTO OTHER SPEAKERS. THERE'S BEEN A FEW QUESTIONS OF MYSELF AND THE CLERK, ASKING IF ALL THREE MOTIONS ARE IN ORDER. THEY CERTAINLY ARE, AND THEY CAN ALL BE VOTED ON; THEY CAN ALL PASS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD THAT, ON TUESDAY, I CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS THAT WINNIPEGGERS HAVE BEEN RAISING. THAT PARTICULAR MORNING, I WOKE UP TO 153 E-MAILS OF WINNIPEGGERS WHO ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE DIRECTION THAT THIS PROTEST HAS TAKEN. THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD WAS BRIEFED BY OUR CHIEF ON THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF THE PROTEST WHICH ACTUALLY HAS YIELDED PUBLIC SAFETY RESULTS. THE APPROACH OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF EXPERTS IN THE SPECIALIZATION OF MAINTAINING THE PUBLIC PEACE AND ON GOING NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS AMICABLE AND EFFECTIVE CONCLUSIONS. POLICE DO HAVE THE DISCRETION, MADAM SPEAKER, WITH REGARDS TO WHEN THEY EXERCISE THE USE OF FORCE OR THE POWERS OF ARREST TO ADDRESS A

PROTEST WHICH THEY MUST BALANCE AGAINST THE INTEREST OF OVERALL PUBLIC SAFETY. PROTEST ORGANIZERS HAVE REPEATEDLY CONTINUED TO SEEK A RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN A LETTER TO OUR PREMIER. PROTEST ORGANIZERS ARE ALSO ASKING TO MEET WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ON GOING OBJECTIVES. THE VERY PERSPECTIVE OF POLICE BOARDS IS THAT POLITICAL OFFICIALS CANNOT APPLY ANY POLITICAL LENS TO PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. THE BOARD DOES NOT PROVIDE DIRECTION, EITHER. THEY PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE OF THE AVERAGE AND REASONABLE PERSON WITH REGARD TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, AND THAT'S WHAT I SHARED WITH THE CHIEF, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THAT PERSPECTIVE OF REASONABLE WINNIPEGGERS WHO HAVE COME TO DEMAND THAT THE SECESSION OF ALL OF THE NOISE IN THE AREA AND THE SAFE ACCESS TO THEIR BUSINESSES. AS WELL, MADAM SPEAKER, THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD HAS ASKED THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE IN TERMS OF OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES TO CREATE MORE PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITY, TO AID IN THE PROTECTION OF OUR CITIZENS AND CRIME PREVENTION. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A -- AS MUCH AS WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUES PREVAILING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA RIGHT NOW, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE POLICE SERVICE IS WORKING ON IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING PUBLIC PEACE BY REACHING OUT TO THE ORGANIZERS AND ENSURING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS TAKEN AS A TOP PRIORITY. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS NOT WHAT CANADIANS SIGNED UP FOR. THOSE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON ALL COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA, INDEED, NORTH AMERICA, AND THE WORLD. I CAN'T, FOR THE LIVE OF ME, THINK THAT THERE'S ONE CANADIAN THAT SIGNED UP TO WEAR MASKS EVERY DAY, TO SHOW ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION AS THEY'RE ENTERING RESTAURANT OR SPORTING EVENT, BUT WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT MOVES US FORWARD TO GET BACK TO OUR LIVES, RECOGNIZING THAT COVID WILL BE A PART OF OUR LIFE IN SOME FORM OR FASHION GOING FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE MADE COMMENTS TODAY ON THE RECORD, ON THE PUBLIC RECORD, WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER. I WANT TO REACH OUT TO COUNCILLOR KLEIN AND COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, WHO ARE FORMER BOARD CHAIRS, WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED ME WITH THEIR COMMENTS, AS WELL, AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE A UNITED CITY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, TO HAVE A CALL TO ACTION, TO END THIS PROTEST SO THAT WE CAN MOVE ON AND -- AND START TO HEAL AS A COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE ARE, MADAM SPEAKER, RIGHT NOW, SO DIVIDED, SO DIVISIVE, AND SO FRACTURED. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. COUNCILLOR EADIE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE TODAY JUST TO MAKE CLEAR, I'VE HEARD ELECTED MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER PROVIDE AND VOICE WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS LEADERSHIP IN DEALING WITH -- IT IS A PROTEST. THE C.A.O. DOESN'T WANT TO DEFINE ANYTHING, BUT THERE'S MANY WAYS TO PROTEST IN THIS COUNTRY AND AROUND WHEREVER. THIS ONE HAPPENS TO BE -- STARTED WITH A CONVOY OR A MARCH OF SORTS, WHICH SHOULD HAVE HAD TAKEN OUT A PERMIT. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY DID, BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE, AND SO ON. BUT -- SO I PERSONALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, DON'T SEE THE REASON FOR HAVING THIS MEETING TODAY. IF WE

WERE TALKING ABOUT DELIVERING A COUNCIL EMERGENCY, THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN A SEMINAR. -- SEMINAR IF SOME MEMBERS DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR BY-LAWS OR CRIMINAL CODE. THE POLICE SERVICE IS SUPPOSED TO -- AND THEY USUALLY DO, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS OF DEALING WITH DIFFERENT THINGS, AND THEY ARE TO ENFORCE THE LAW. AND AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, PER THE CAO, I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN BLAME THE POLICE FOR ANYTHING AT THIS POINT. MADAM SPEAKER, PERSONALLY, THE REASON WHY I DIDN'T HAVE THIS MEETING IS ALL'S YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS CRANK UP THE TENSION DOWN THERE ON BROADWAY AND ELSEWHERE. THE TENSION THAT -- I HAVE PERSONAL BELIEVES, MADAM SPEAKER, AND YOU ALL READ MY STATEMENT. I WOULD PREFER NOT TO PROCEED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT -- THERE ARE LAWS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THERE ARE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, FREEDOMS, AND RIGHTS, WHICH IS WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IN REGARDS TO ALL OF THESE MOTIONS. IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO IMPUGN, BUT IT IS AN ELECTION YEAR. LET ME JUST FIRST -- PROTESTS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS COUNTRY AS LONG AS THEY FOLLOW ALL THE RULES AND BYLAWS AND LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY, MADAM SPEAKER. AND, EVEN THE CITY'S PERMITTING PROCESS AND SO ON. YOU KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, IT WAS USELESS TO TALK TO THE C.A.O. ABOUT SIDEWALKS AND EVERYTHING BECAUSE HE'S NOT OUT THERE, AND NOBODY'S REPORTING IT. THIS PEDESTRIAN, MADAM SPEAKER, CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS HE HEARS SOMETHING, AND SO I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT FIRST. SO TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK AROUND THE CHAMBER, I AM IN NO PLACE TO FILE CHARGES, BUT IT'S NOT JUST MERELY A NOISE VIOLATION, IT IS AN ASSAULT, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT TACTIC IS AN ASSAULT, ESPECIALLY ON PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND. I USED TO WORK RIGHT THERE, AND THERE'S BEEN TRUCKS PARKING AT AN ANGLE, BLOCKING TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT UNLESS SOMEONE ACTUALLY ENCOUNTERS IT AND CALLS TO ASK SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING, THE CITY HAS A DUTY TO DO SOMETHING, AND THEY HAVE POWERED TO GO OUND, PARKING ENFORCERS, IT GO OUT AND TICKET. NOW, THE USUAL NOISE VIOLATIONS OFTEN HAPPEN AT NIGHT. BIG PARTIES, LOUD PARTIES. WE HAVE VOICE PERMITS, MADAM SPEAKER. VOICE PERMITS ARE DONE BY APPLICATION, AND THE POLICE SERVICE CAN EITHER APPROVE OR RECOMMEND, LET THAT PERMIT GO THROUGH OR NOT. WE HAVE -- BUT LET'S GET AWAY FROM THE POLICE SERVICE. ALMOST EVERYTHING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIVEABILITY BY-LAW IS EVERY FORCEABLE BY BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IF THOSE BY-LAW ENFORCERS -- IF I CALL IN TO HAVE SOMETHING ATTEND, IF I CALL IN 8:30 TO 4:30, AFTER HOURS, IT'S THE POLICE SERVICE. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING. THESE CAN BE DONE. I WOULDN'T JUST SAY IT'S THE POLICE. WHY IS BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT NOT OUT THERE, CHECKING ON THE NOISE COMPLAINTS, IF IT'S JUST NOISE COMPLAINTS, IF THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT? I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT THAT LOUD OF A THING, ESPECIALLY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND, BUT EVEN THOSE WHO AREN'T, IS AN ASSAULT. WE HEARD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S CLINIC HOW THAT IS ABUSE AND ASSAULT TO SOME WOMEN, MADAM SPEAKER. NOW I'M NOT JUST GOING TO PICK ON THE SO-CALLED FREEDOM CONVOY. I -- LIKE, THERE'S SO MANY THINGS WE COULD BE DOING. THE PARKING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE OUT THERE. TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, POLICE SERVICE, AND WHENEVER THEY SEE ONE, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO TICKET. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, MADAM SPEAKER. THE -- BUT I HAVE TO SAY, WHAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THAT IT IS WRONG TO SAY, WELL, I FIND THEIR TACTICS ABUSIVE AND FOR OPPOSING PEOPLE TO GO

AND DO IT. WE DON'T WANT TO -- ACTUALLY, THE PROBLEM HERE IS AGGRESSION BEGETS AGGRESSION, VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE, AND EVERYBODY NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S MY OBSERVATION AS A 61, SOON TO BE A 62-YEAR-OLD MAN IN THIS CITY. AND REMEMBER THAT, JUST REMEMBER THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT OVERALL, I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT -- AND THIS IS A PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL MATTER. I'M NOT SAYING THOSE CONVOY PEOPLE DOWN THERE ON BROADWAY ARE THE CAUSE NECESSARILY, BUT THERE'S AFFILIATED GROUPS. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR KLEIN MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: BUT MADAM SPEAKER, THOSE ARE MILITARY TACTICS TO BLOCK THE MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE. IT'S A WAR TACTIC WHAT THEY'RE DOING DOWN THERE IN EMERSON RIGHT NOW. IT'S A WAR TACTIC WHAT THEY'RE DOING DOWN THERE IN WINDSOR. THESE PEOPLE, THEY MUST THINK THEY'RE GOING TO WAR, BARRICADING IT, FEEDING IT, STOPPING IT. I THINK WINNIPEG AIRPORT BETTER WATCH OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO BLOCK GOODS FROM GETTING IN THROUGH THERE. THEN, HOW ARE THE GOODS GOING TO GET INTO THIS CITY? THIS IS A PROVINCIAL MATTER, AND THE MAYOR SHOULD HAVE USED HIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION BECAUSE THAT'S HIS POSITION. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUTTING FORTH, IF HE BELIEVES THERE'S A LOCAL -- AND I HEARD HE DOESN'T BELIEVE SO. HE WOULD JUST LIKE THE ANTAGONISM AND EVERYTHING TO GO AWAY. I'M SEEING IN SOME OF THESE MOTIONS, THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS REVIEW IF DID THE PUBLIC SERVICE DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD UNDER ENFORCEMENT? IT'S UP TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO GET OFFENDED ON EITHER SIDE TO FILE CHARGES IF THEY BELIEVE THEY WERE VIOLATED BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO DECAY OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS. SO I THINK THAT'S THE MESSAGE I WANTED TO GET OUT. I'M JUST VOTING AGAINST EVERYTHING IN HERE BECAUSE THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS MEETING. THE MAYOR'S IN A POSITION HE COULD HAVE DONE -- TAKEN ACTION, AND, YOU -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. YOU'RE MUTED, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'LL TRY TO ADDRESS THIS MEETING AS IT'S BEING HAD AND THE FORMAT THAT IT'S BEING HAD. FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THIS, AND OUR RESIDENTS HAVE HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THIS FOR YEARS. WE'VE HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THIS, PEOPLE DYING, NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THE FEELING OF OVERALL EXHAUSTION FELT BY ALL. I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT, AND I THINK WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT. THE STATEMENT MAY SOUND VERY SOFT, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER, AND IT IS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT, SO -- AND THAT'S WHY I AM VERY PROUD TODAY OF THE COMMENTS I'M HEARING FROM COUNCILLORS THAT WE NEED -- EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT SHARE EVERY IDEA, THAT'S GOOD. IT'S CALLED DEMOCRACY, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A ROLE HERE TO PLAY. IT'S CALLED LEADER SHOULD BE. IT'S ALSO PROVIDING A STEADY HAND, AND ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SEE US WORKING TOGETHER

TO TRY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SO THIS MEETING PROVIDES US -- THIS MEETING, WHICH I'M QUITE HAPPY IT DID HAPPEN. I'VE COME AROUND, BECAUSE AT THE BEGINNING, I WASN'T. IT HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION BY THE CAO SO THAT THEY CAN BE BETTER INFORMED, AND SO CAN WE WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE POLICE OPERATIONS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND, AND I'LL GET INTO THAT IN A MINUTE. SO I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC NEED MORE INFORMATION, AND WE DID HAVE AN INFORMATION GAP THERE, AND AGAIN, SOCIAL MEDIA, IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP. REGARDLESS, WE DO NEED TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION FLOW SO THE PUBLIC HAS A SINGLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND ALSO HAS A SINGLE SOURCE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM US, AS WELL. WE ALL HAD OUR HUNDREDS OF E-MAILS. WE'VE ALL HAD DIFFERENT SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSPAPERS, CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE. BUT RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO DIRECT CONDUIT SO WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION EITHER TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE OR THE PUBLIC SERVICE, DEPENDING ON WHAT IS NEEDED. BUT THIS IS, UNFORTUNATELY, THE LAST TIME -- AND IT IS -- I'M GOING TO CALL IT A LEGAL PROTEST. IT'S NOT THE LAST TIME IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT WE HAVE TO LEARN FROM IT AND MOVE FORWARD. PROTESTS, I AGREE, ARE A RIGHT FOR ALL, AND I SUPPORT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS TO DO SO, BUT I DO NOT SUPPORT PROTESTERS HAVING THE RIGHT TO BLOCK TRAFFIC, TO HARASS PEOPLE. THEY DON'T HAVE THAT RIGHT. THERE ARE GROUPS THAT DO PROTESTS, THEY TAKE OUT ALL THE PROPER PERMITS, AND IT GOES ALONG, AND THAT'S FINE. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, THERE ARE NO PERMITS THAT I'M AWARE OF. HOWEVER, ALSO, I RECOGNIZE THAT TRYING TO ENFORCE STREET BY-LAWS, NOISE BY-LAWS, AGAIN, IT MAY ESCALATE THE ILLEGAL PROTEST INTO SOMETHING THAT NO ONE WANTS. NO ONE WANTS -- I DON'T THINK THEY WANT IT NOW, BUT AGAIN, BY INCITING MORE ANGER AND DIVISIVENESS, THAT ACTUALLY, THOSE PROTESTS MAY BECOME VIOLENT AND EVEN WORSE, SO IT IS THE POLICE JOB TO MANAGE THIS ON-SITE. I KNOW COUNCILLOR EADIE SAID LET'S SEND OUT THE BY-LAW OFFICERS AND START ISSUING TICKETS, BUT THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE IS MANAGING THIS SITE. IF THEY WANT BY-LAW OFFICERS OUT THERE, THEY WILL SEND THEM. THE PUBLIC, I DON'T HAVE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, AND I UNDERSTAND WHY, BECAUSE I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MOVE THOSE TRUCKS TODAY, STOP THE WHISTLES RIGHT NOW, ALLOW THEM TO PROTEST, AS OTHER PEOPLE DO, ON THE LAND, BUT THAT'S ME. BUT AGAIN, THAT'S NOT MY CALL, THAT'S NOT OUR CALL. THAT'S THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICES CALL. AND I'M BACK TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE, AND WE'RE SEEING IT TODAY, WHERE EVERYONE CAN WATCH, AND NOT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. WE NEED TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE PEOPLE. WE NEED THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON TO THE BEST WE CAN WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT OPERATIONAL ISSUES. THIS MEETING -- I WANT TO THANK MICHAEL JACK, CAO, FOR COMING FORWARD. THE PUBLIC ARE GOING TO BE COMING FORWARD WITH NEW INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP YOU BETTER COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR RESIDENTS. BUT IT IS TIME FOR THIS PROTEST TO MOVE ON. THE VEHICLES NEED TO BE MOVED AND THE HORNS NEED TO STOP BLARING. MY PERSONAL BELIEF IS WE'VE HEARD YOU, WE'VE SEEN YOU, IT REALLY IS TIME TO MOVE ON. LET WINNIPEG HEAL. THE ISSUE NOW WITH THE PROTEST IS IT'S HAVING A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ALL OF WINNIPEGGERS AND MANY PEOPLE WHO I GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL COMMENT, WHO ARE JUST FRUSTRATED. THEY'RE TIRED, AND THEY'RE SEEING THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT'S ACTUALLY HAVING A VERY DEFINITE IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, PEOPLE INSIDE THE DOWNTOWN AND OUTSIDE THE DOWNTOWN. I'VE HEARD FROM THE PROTESTERS THAT THEY WANT TO HEAR FAMILIES, THEY WANT TO RESPECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD,

AND THEY WANT THEIR VOICES TO BE HEARD, AND I'D SAY YOU HAVE. BUT OUT OF RESPECT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WINNIPEGGERS, IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON. AGAIN, WE CAN'T FORCE YOU TO DO THAT, BUT MY MESSAGE TO THE PROTESTERS, PLEASE, JUST MOVE ON. LET US ALL BEGIN THE HEALING PROCESS. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME, BUT IT'S TAKING AN IMPACT ON ALL OF US, THE HEALING IMPACT. I THANK YOU FOR THIS HEARING TODAY. I WAS COMING IN TODAY EXPECTING A VERY ADVERSARIAL APPROACH, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT TODAY. I'VE SEEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS PEOPLE'S CONCERN AND LET PEOPLE HAVE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED. SO AGAIN, I'LL BE VOTING WITH THE MOTION AT THIS TIME. I THINK IT'S -- AGAIN, MANY PEOPLE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE IT'S NOT -- DIRECTLY SAYS, MOVE THOSE CARS, GET THE PROTESTERS OUT OF TOWN, AND THAT'S NOT OUR JURISDICTION, AND I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE. SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING, BUT I AM HEARTENED BY THE FACT THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER, WE UNDERSTAND RESIDENTS' CONCERNS. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHANGE, BUT WE DO HAVE THE REALITY. WE ALSO DON'T WANT THIS CONFLICT OR THIS PROTEST ESCALATING TO SOMETHING THAT NO ONE WANTS. I THANK THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, I THANK THE RESIDENTS, AND I ASK THE PROTEST, IF IT COULD JUST PLEASE MOVE ON. THANK YOU. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. ONE OF THE THINGS THE MAYOR SAID TO ME WHEN WE WERE BOTH ELECTED IN 2014 WAS WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME MISTAKES, BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE HONEST, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE OPEN ABOUT THINGS, SO I THINK THE FIRST COMMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE, A, I THINK THE MAYOR SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR CALLING THIS MEETING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT SPECIFICALLY WILL COME OUT OF IT, BUT I THINK IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO DO SOMETHING, AND I COMMEND THAT. NUMBER TWO, I WILL VOTE AGAINST THE RECEIVE THE INFORMATION MOTION. I CAN SUPPORT THE SECOND OF THE MOTIONS BEING INCORPORATED SOME WAY INTO THE MAIN AMENDING MOTION. I THINK WHAT I REALLY WANT TO BE OPEN AND HONEST ABOUT TO START, THOUGH, IS WE DESPERATELY NEED SOME DEBATE ON WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO ABOUT JURISDICTION OVER POLICING? I HAVE RECEIVED DOZENS OF E-MAILS AND CALLS, PERHAPS HUNDREDS. I BELIEVE IT WAS THE SELLINGER GOVERNMENT THAT PASSED [indiscernible] INTO THE INQUIRELY. IT SHARPLY REDUCED THE ROLE OF OVERSIGHT OVER POLICING. THAT IS A FACT. WE ARE STILL, NINE YEARS ON, SITTING HERE WITH LEGAL JURISDICTION, I GO TO POLICE BOARD MEETINGS. THE STAFF SAY YOU CAN'T DO THAT. THE CITY BY-LAW'S OUT OF STATE, THE CITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE DOESN'T HAVE JURISDICTION. HOW CAN THIS BE THE STATE NINE YEARS ON? I GO TO THE MEETING, AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, I WANT TO COMMEND YOUR ROLE. YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST -- HE'S ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE BOARD MEETS. WE HAVE A CIVILIAN COMMITTEE, AND IF THIS IS HOW WE OPERATE, I'D VOTE IN FAVOUR OF IT. WE CAN'T ABOLISH IT. IT'S PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE CHASTISING US FOR NOT DIRECTING THE POLICE TO STORM IN, GUNS BLAZING OR BULLDOZERS FIRED UP. THAT'S NOT OUR JURISDICTION, SO LET'S NOT PRETEND IT IS. I JUST AM SO FED UP WITH THE GREYNESS AND THE FOG OVER JURISDICTION OVER POLICING. IF WE WANT THE PROVINCIAL ACT TO CHANGE, SAY IT. AND IF WE DO, IF THAT'S OUR VIEW, THAT WE WANT MORE CONTROL BACK, ABOLISH THE POLICE BOARD,

FINE, BUT LET'S PLAY THIS OUT. I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ANTI-VAXX SENTIMENTS OF THE PROTESTERS. I DO THINK THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY WHAT THEY WANT TO. I DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT COUNCILLOR SANTOS SAYS ON THIS ISSUE, BUT I WOULD DEFEND HER RIGHT TO SAY WHATEVER SHE WANTS. I WOULD AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, WHO SAYS THAT THE PROTESTS AND THE NOISY ACTS HAVE TO STOP. YOU CANNOT BLOCK STREETS AND ENDLESSLY TRY TO DISRUPT PEOPLE'S LIVES WITH NOISE. THERE ARE A NUMBER -- AS A FORMER -- WELL, AS A LAWYER, I WOULD SAY THERE ARE CERTAIN RIGHTS YOU HAVE UNDER THE CHARTER TO DEMONSTRATE. MY RIGHTS EXTEND A CERTAIN EXTENT, BUT THERE ARE LIMITS TO THAT. I THINK THAT'S INARGUABLE. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON BEING A HUMAN RIGHTS CITY. SOMETIMES THAT'S HARD. SOMETIMES YOU DON'T LIKE THE VIEWS BEING EXPRESSED BY OTHERS. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. WHAT WE DON'T TALK ENOUGH ABOUT IS FREEDOM OF RESPONSIBILITIES. IF YOU WERE AROUND IN THE 70s, AND YOU HAD TO HEAR IT FROM PEOPLE LIKE AYN RAND AND MILTON FREEDMAN, YOU DON'T HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ANYONE. I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT. THERE CERTAINLY ARE SOME RESPONSIBILITIES THAT LIE ON THESE PROTESTERS. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS FOR WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO ON THE POLICE BOARD. IT'S NOT EASY. CERTAINLY, MY LARGER POINTS HERE ARE, A, NOISE HAS GOT TO STOP, THE TRAFFIC BLOCKADE HAS GOT TO STOP. I DON'T SUPPORT THE ANTI-VAXX SENTIMENTS, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR SENTIMENTS IN A PEACEFUL WAY IF THEY WISH TO ENCAMP. OTHERS HAVE DONE SO, AND I THINK THEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHT IF DONE SO IN A PEACEFUL WAY. I THINK, IN CONCLUSION, IT'S NEVER EASY TO DEFEND THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TAKING YOUR SIDE. IT'S ALWAYS EASY TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TAKING YOUR SIDE. I DON'T AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENTS HERE, BUT I AGREE THERE IS A RIGHT TO PROTEST AND A RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AND, IT WOULD APPEAR, A RIGHT TO ENCAMP. HOW WE GET TO THIS SITUATION, I THINK THE MOTION DOES TRY TO GET SOME LEGAL ANALYSIS TO DO THAT, SO, AGAIN, I'M CONCERNED WITH COMMENTS IF THE POLICE ARE [indiscernible] THAT GOES TO A LARGER DEBATE WE NEED TO HAVE NINE YEARS ON OVER OUR JURISDICTION OVER POLICE MATTERS. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE IN THIS SITUATION STILL, AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED OREGON WHO BACKED THAT LEGISLATION ORIGINALLY ARE THE PEOPLE CALLING ON US TO ORDER THE POLICE. WELL, WE DON'T HAVE THOSE POWERS BECAUSE OF LEGISLATION GOING FORWARD. I'LL SUPPORT THE MAYOR AND MOTIONS TWO AND THREE, AND IN CONCLUSION. NOW IS THE TIME TO -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED. >> Councillor Brian Mayes:. WE NEED A TIMER ON THIS THING. IN ANY EVENT, I THINK WE NEED TO PASS A MOTION HERE TODAY TO SHOW SOME CONCERN, TO SHOW SOME ACTION, TO SHOW SOME SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE BEING AFFECTED. WE NEED TO HAVE A DEBATE OVER THE JURISDICTION OVER POLICING, WHAT THE CURRENT STATE IS AND WHAT WE WANT IT TO BE BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE IN A ROLLOFF -- A STATE OF CONFUSION OVER STAND COMMITTEE, OVERSIGHT, AND POLICE JURISDICTION. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR NASON?

COUNCILLOR NASON: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE ON A POINT OF ORDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR AMENDING MOTION FOUR TO BE ENTERTAINED. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. COUNCILLOR NASON MOVES SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, MOTION FOUR TO BE CIRCULATED. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED. COUNCILLOR KLEIN?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: MADAM SPEAKER, THANK YOU. WOULD THIS BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME, IN LIGHT OF THE MOTION THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US FROM THE MAYOR, TO WITHDRAW MOTION NUMBER TWO, THAT I HAD PENNED? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: YOU CAN RESCIND MOTION TWO WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR SECONDER. COUNCILLOR NASON? >> Councillor Shawn Nason: I CONCUR. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. ON THE MOTION OF COUNCIL, RESCINDING MOTION TWO, ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR NASON: MADAM SPEAKER, IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO RESCIND MOTION ONE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. COUNCILLOR NASON WOULD LIKE TO RESCIND MOTION ONE, WITH THE PERMISSION OF HIS MAKER. >> I CONCUR. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. ON THE MOTION OF COUNCIL RESCINDING MOTION TWO, ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS? >> Councillor Sherri Rollins: I MOVE TO RESCIND MOTION THREE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: IS THERE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR SECONDER? >> I CONCUR. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. ON THE MOTION OF COUNCIL RESCINDING MOTION THREE, ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THE CONTENTS OF MOTION FOUR ARE THE CONTENTS OF PREVIOUS MOTION THREE AS WELL AS MOTIONS ONE AND TWO, SO I THINK A VERY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT FROM MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM TO COME TOGETHER TO SEND A MESSAGE OF UNITY AND A MESSAGE OF COLLABORATION AMONGST COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. I'LL -- OBVIOUSLY, I'M MOVING THIS FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, WHO ALSO OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH COUNCILLOR KLEIN AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, PRETTY MUCH EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO COME TOGETHER. I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE COMMENTS I'LL MAKE, AND I HOPE WE CAN ALL SUPPORT THIS MOTION FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. >> SORRY, MADAM SPEAKER. POINT OF ORDER. MY APOLOGIES TO HIS HONOUR. I NEED TO UNDERSTAND -- TO HIS WORSHIP, EXCUSE ME. DID HE NOT INTRODUCE THE MOTION? CAN HE BRING AN AMENDMENT ALREADY AFTER INTRODUCING THE MOTION? >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER, DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF MOTION FOUR?

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: I DO. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: IT WAS E-MAILED ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AGO, AND THE MAYOR DID MAKE A CLARIFICATION DURING HIS SPEAKING TIME THAT IT'S AN AMALGAMATION.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: SO HE'S SPEAKING AGAIN. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: WELL, ANYONE WHO HASN'T SPOKEN CAN ADD THEMSELVES TO THE SPEAKER LIST, AND ANYONE WHO HASN'T SPOKEN TO THE NEW MOTION.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: OKAY.

MAYOR BOWMAN: MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A COMBINATION OF THE PREVIOUS MOTION, MOTION TWO, AND MOTION THREE. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. IT IS COMBINING THE EFFORTS OF A NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS, AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE, AND I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP TO BRING TO THIS TABLE, I THINK SOME VERY REASONABLE AND VERY THOUGHTFUL NEXT STEPS FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT LEVERS ARE AVAILABLE TO US TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT OCCUPATION OF OUR CITY STREETS, AND I WANT TO THANK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES OR ADDING THEIR VOICE, AND PRIMARILY, I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR COMMUNICATING TO OUR RESIDENTS THAT THEY HEAR THEM. I DO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND WITH MY INTRODUCTION, I'M HOPING THAT I WON'T NEED TO HAVE A CONCLUSION, THAT WE CAN QUICKLY VOTE ON THIS MATTER, BUT I WILL JUST SAY TO WINNIPEGGERS, RIGHT NOW, WE ALL WANT TO SEE CALM, AND WE WANT TO SEE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONGST THOSE THAT HAVE VERY STRONG VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THIS PARTICULAR PROTEST. WHAT I HOPE WINNIPEGGERS ARE HEARING FROM COUNCIL TODAY IS A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST AND ALSO A CALL FOR THE ADHERENCE TO THE LAWS OF OUR CITY AND STREETS BY THE PROTESTERS. THE TIME HAS COME TO DEPART PARKING ON OUR STREETS AND SUBJECTING LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO EXCESSIVE NOISE POLLUTION. THE RIGHT FOR THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROTESTING ON OUR STREETS TO CURRENTLY PROTEST AND TO EXERCISE THEIR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS SOMETHING WE VALUE AND SOMETHING WE WANT TO SEE WINNIPEGGERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON A WHOLE HOST OF ISSUES. WE'RE DOING THAT HERE. WE REPRESENT THAT HERE. ROUGHLY 760,000 WINNIPEGGERS ARE REPRESENTED TODAY, AND SO I WANT TO THANK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES FOR ALL OF THEIR ENERGIES TODAY FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING. I HOPE, AND I'M ASKING FOR MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF MANY COLLEAGUES THAT HAVE GONE INTO THIS. WITH RESPECT TO WHAT'S EMBEDDED IN THIS MOTION, REACHING OUT TO THE PREMIER TO FIND A PROMPT RESOLUTION TO THE PROTEST, I HAVE ALREADY REACHED OUT TO THE PREMIER, AND I'VE HAD DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER, MINISTER GOERTZEN, AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM PUTTING THAT IN THE MOTION SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE THE DIRECTION THAT COUNCIL WANTS TO TAKE, AND I'LL BE SUPPORTING THAT. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN VOTE ON THIS IN SHORT ORDER AND COMMUNICATE THIS TO THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR KLEIN?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FOR THE VOTE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, WOULD YOU ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO WORK PAST NOON?

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: YES. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? THAT'S CARRIED. COUNCILLOR KLEIN?

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: WOULD IT BE IN ORDER TO VOTE? THE MAYOR HAS SPOKEN, AND WE KNOW WHAT THE MOTIONS ARE. I WOULD CALL FOR THE VOTE. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY SPOKEN.

COUNCILLOR KLEIN: I WOULD JUST CALL FOR THE VOTE.

COUNCILLOR NASON: MADAM SPEAKER -- >>

MADAM SPEAKER: I'M SORRY. I HAVE THE FLOOR. MR. CLERK, CAN YOU CLARIFY?

CLERK: THE NEXT PERSON YOU IDENTIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN, SO COUNCILLOR KLEIN CANNOT. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR KLEIN. AS I ALREADY STATED, YOU HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM?

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, TO THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE LIVING AND WORKING NEAR THE PROTESTS, I THINK TODAY'S MEETING IS INDICATION THAT WE HAVE HEARD YOU. AS A COUNCIL, I THINK YOU CAN SEE, HOPEFULLY PEOPLE WILL SEE THAT WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG. AS MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE STATED, WE AGREE PEOPLE HAVE THE CHARTER RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS, DIVERSE OPINIONS THROUGH PEACEFUL AND LAWFUL PROTESTS. IT'S A RIGHT, AND I BELIEVE THAT EVERY ONE OF US ON COUNCIL BELIEVES IN THAT AND THAT RIGHT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMIND THOSE PROTESTING NOW IN PROXIMITY TO LEGISLATIVE GROUNDS, THAT PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN A FEW BLOCKS, FEW BLOCKS TO THE LEGISLATIVE GROUNDS. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT NIGHT WHO NEED TO SLEEP IN THE DAYTIME, TODDLERS WHO NEED THEIR AFTERNOON NAPS. SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE DEPEND ON THOSE STREETS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BLOCKED FOR THEIR REGULAR ROUTE TO WORK OR SCHOOL.

THEY'RE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THEIR BUSINESS OPERATIONS, SO I AGREE WITH THE MAYOR AND SO MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR PROTESTERS TO REMEMBER THEY'RE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, AND MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE CALL FOR PEACE AND RESPECT AND A QUIETING OF HORNS, I AGREE WITH THAT, AND I SUPPORT THAT. PROTESTING AND DEMONSTRATING CAN HAPPEN IN A LAWFUL AND PEACEFUL WAY. IF THERE'S A COUNTER PROTEST THIS WEEKEND, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT'S BEING PLANNED, THEN I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE TO CALL FOR ALL PARTIES TO PROTEST PEACEFULLY. WHAT WE DO AS A COUNCIL, SETTING PRECEDENT, I JUST PUT THAT AS A PAWS FOR US AS COUNCIL -- PAUSE FOR US AS COUNCIL, WHAT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS IN PLACE AROUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES TO DEAL WITH PROTESTS. I THINK WE NEED TO GIVE THAT SOME CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE. COUNCILLOR MAYES AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS HAVE ARTICULATED, WELL, THAT THE POLICE SERVICES AND OTHERS -- THE POLICE SERVICES ACT IS CLEAR, THE POLICE BOARD AND COUNCIL CANNOT DIRECT POLICE OPERATIONS, AND THOUGH I APPRECIATE THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR'S ORIGINAL MOTION, AND THOUSAND IT WAS CAREFULLY WORDED, I THINK THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT WAS POSTED CAME TOO CLOSE TO DIRECTING THE POLICE, AND I'M GLAD WE CAME TO THAT MOTION. SO I SUPPORT AS PEKTS OF THIS URGENT, MOTION FOUR -- I THINK, AND I HOPE, WHAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TODAY WILL SEE IS THE EFFORT THAT WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE MADE TO COME TOGETHER COLLECTIVELY. NOT VERY OFTEN DO WE AS A COUNCIL AGREE ON EVERYTHING, BUT ANYONE WATCHING THE LIVE PROCEEDINGS TODAY HAS SEEN US KIND OF, YOU KNOW, SCURRYING TO ONE ANOTHER, TAKING PIECES OF IDEAS IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC NEED, AND WE HAVE TRIED, I THINK, TO SPEAK IN ONE VOICE, AND THAT'S THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT BEING MADE BY WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL AND BY THE MAYOR. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR EFFORTS. ONE DAY SOON, I BELIEVE, THE PANDEMIC WILL BE OVER, THE HEALTH CARE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE GONE. IN THAT DAY, WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO COME TOGETHER AS A CITY, AS A PROVINCE, AND AS A COUNTRY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL. FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DIVIDED ARE GOING TO NEED TO COME TOGETHER, AND I TRUST THAT THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG SEE COUNCIL DOING THAT TODAY, AND SO I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THANK, AGAIN, ALL COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES. SO MANY OF US HAVE HAD A HAND IN IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BUT THANK ALL COLLEAGUES ON THIS MOTION WHO HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, INCLUDING THE MAYOR. THANK YOU, MAYOR BOWMAN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. >>

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR BROWATY, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. LET ME PUT ON THE RECORD THAT I SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO PROTEST, EVEN ON THINGS THAT I DISAGREE WITH. I WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT I AM VERY MUCH AGAINST RACISM AND HATE. WHAT DO WE STILL PROTESTERS -- TELL PROTESTERS? GO TO CITY HALL. I SAY LARGELY THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING RIGHT NOW. OUR OFFICIALS ARE GOOD AT DEESCALATING SITUATIONS. THEIR TWEET WHERE THEY PERSUADED PROTESTERS TO MOVE TO YORK STREET WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT. EVERYONE SITTING AROUND THIS COUNCIL HAS NOT MISSED A PAYCHECK, BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS AS LUCKY.